

New Iranian warning as carrier arrives under cover of darkness

US mine task force moves into the Gulf

● The American carrier *Guadalcanal* arrived off Bahrain with mine-hunting helicopters on board

● The Speaker of the Iranian Parliament said Iran could "seed" the Gulf with mines if it wanted to

● There were frantic efforts to prepare five British ships for their planned departure to the Gulf today

● The British captain of a ship struck by a mine was still officially listed as "missing" with four of his crew

From Robert Fisk, Dubai

An American carrier with mine-hunting helicopters arrived off Bahrain yesterday, heralding the imminent departure of a new US-escorted convoy of tankers from Kuwait through the mined waters of the Gulf.

The 18,000-ton carrier *Guadalcanal* arrived after maintaining at least 12 hours of radio silence and navigating in darkness within 30 miles of Iranian anti-ship missiles.

Meanwhile, the Speaker of the Iranian Parliament, Hajatollah Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, said that Iran could "seed" the Gulf

with mines if it chose and said that if Iran's oil exports were ever totally halted, then Iran could prevent the flow of Arab oil from the Gulf even when it was carried by overland pipelines.

The gathering of naval fleets in the region, he said - apparently before learning of the *Guadalcanal*'s arrival - was "an indication of the

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vicious intentions of imperialism".

The *Guadalcanal*, which carries Sea Stallion helicopters for mine-hunting - and which also deploys Chinook and Huey gunship helicopters - was standing approximately 30 miles north-east of Bahrain last night after passing the Strait of Hormuz between Iran and Oman.

The vessel had been tracked on radar past Dubai and Abu Dhabi just before dawn when ground radar controllers picked up the track of several helicopters circling the vessel. The Iranians may have been unaware of the *Guadalcanal*'s presence when it approached the Strait although it is unlikely that their own radar failed to pick it up.

Television crews on board a supply ship in the Gulf observed the Sea Stallion helicopters moving around the *Guadalcanal* for 10 hours during the daylight hours and also saw several helicopter gunships fitted with rocket pods.

The arrival of the vessel means that the departure of the next outbound convoy from Kuwait - at least three fully-laden tankers probably escorted by four US warships - is imminent. The convoy had been expected to depart late on Saturday night but was apparently delayed until the *Guadalcanal*'s arrival.

With the presence of Sea Stallions, at least some of the American Navy's concern over mines in the upper

regions of the Gulf will be dissipated.

If the helicopters can accurately identify the mines which have been laid - almost certainly by the Iranians - in the narrow deep water shipping channels that run for 200 miles south-west of Kuwait, then this and subsequent convoys should be comparatively safe.

On the first in-bound convoy, the supertanker *Bridgeport* was struck by a mine, forcing the more vulnerable US warships to sail along behind it for protection.

However, the Iranians have always proved extremely flexible in their assault on merchant shipping in the Gulf - even more flexible than the Iraqis - and the *Guadalcanal*'s arrival is likely to provoke a whole new series of threats from Iran.

Yesterday, the speaker of the Iranian Parliament again derided the claim that Iran had been responsible for planting mines in the Gulf of Oman, one of which damaged a supertanker carrying Iranian oil and another of which killed six supply ship crewmen, including a Briton.

"If the world cares for security in the Persian Gulf, it should put an end to Iraq's mischievous acts," he was quoted as saying by the Iranian news agency IRNA.

Off the coast of Fujairah, the first of France's new task force of warships was sighted yesterday while a Soviet frigate, of the Krivak II class could be seen moored not far from the Fatah oilfield in the Gulf, possibly observing the movements of the *Guadalcanal*.

● BAGHDAD: Iraqi warplanes yesterday attacked pumping stations at two oilfields in Al-Ras, a southwestern Iraq, an Iraqi military spokesman said (AFP reports).

Tehran Radio said several workers were injured and damage inflicted during an Iraqi air raid yesterday morning in Khuzestan province.

Frantic dash to prepare UK ships

By Kerry Gill

Activity was intense yesterday on board the five war vessels that sail today for the Gulf from Rosyth on the Firth of Forth.

As many as 500 men were frantically making sure that the four minesweepers, Bicester, Brecon, Brocklesby and Hurworth, and their support ship, *Abdiel*, would be ready to leave in time - two minesweepers at 10am and the other two, with the *Abdiel*, at 3pm.

The ships will take about five weeks to reach the Armilla Patrol, sailing via Gibraltar. After leaving Rosyth, they will spend two days in the Firth of Forth so the crews can check that everything is in working order.

A Royal Navy spokesman said: "Normally, all the little defects on the ships would have had to be fixed within two months. All this work has had to be done over the weekend."

The Hurworth has had to have three complete generators replaced within 48 hours. As well as the 250 crew of the five ships, up to 750 other civilians have been brought in to help.

As many as 150 of the crew had to be recalled from leave, including Commodore Barry Clarke, who commands the 55 minor war vessels based at Rosyth. He was contacted while on a sailing holiday with his family off the Dutch coast.

Crewmen were issued with gas masks which were first tested in a small, smoke-filled hut on the base before being deemed serviceable and strapped to the men's waists.

Each of the Hunt class minesweepers and the *Abdiel* have been fitted with their own satellite communication. Armaments are usually minimal on the minesweepers - which normally work in lone wolf units. But because of their role in the Gulf, each has had an extra Oerlikon 20mm gun fitted on the stern. Each ship has also been supplied with two light machine guns.

The Royal Navy, however, would not confirm nor deny a report that personnel of the Special Boat Squadron would join the minesweepers. It is believed that the men of the SBS, based at Arbroath, would be invaluable in aiding the flotilla in the Gulf with their capability to dive and check oil-rig installations.

Chaff dispensers, which shoot out a large canister of light aluminium in a "cloud" to deceive enemy missiles homing in on a vessel's radar, have been placed on the ships.



Able Seaman Alastair Reilly, aged 20, with his bride, Bonita Masson, also aged 20, whom he married by special licence at Stafford Register Office yesterday before joining his mine-hunter ship which is sailing for the Gulf today.

Seaside violence may bring ban on Wolves supporters

By John Goodbody and Ian Stafford

Wolverhampton Wanderers' supporters could be barred from all away matches after the violence in the Fourth Division match at Scarborough on Saturday, the opening day of the Football League's centenary season.

The incidents, which brought £20,000-worth of damage to the ground and 54 arrests, 40 of them Wolves' fans, included missiles thrown on the pitch, a fan falling through a roof of a stand, widespread drunkenness and fighting with police.

The violence is a blow to hopes that at the end of the season UEFA, the European governing body, will lift its two-year ban on English clubs taking part in continental competitions, imposed after the Heysel Stadium disaster in Brussels in May 1985, when 39 people died.

Mr Ted Croker, the Football Association secretary, said yesterday: "This is not the first time Wolves supporters have caused the game major problems. They had a bad record last season and created trouble at Torquay in particular. The all-ticket away match ban on Leeds United seems to have proved successful and it looks as if the same policy is on the cards for Wolves."

Publicity drive for poll tax switch

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

An autumn publicity blitz to convince the public of the merits of a community charge in place of domestic rates is being drawn up by Conservative Party strategists.

Party researchers are drafting hard-hitting leaflets arguing the case for change.

Mr Norman Tibbitt, the Conservative Party chairman, and Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Secretary of State for the Environment, intend to time their offensive to coincide with the Tory conference in Blackpool in October.

In preparation for his conference speech on local

there is regular hooliganism, saying: "We do not want to be associated with streets running with blood."

But a spokesman for the bank said yesterday: "We are obviously disappointed with the violence that erupted on Saturday but we are fully supportive of the league and clubs' intention to combat this sort of action. We do not regret taking on this new sponsorship."

The incident attracted the interest of the Government, which is trying to impose a 50 per cent membership scheme on all league clubs, leading to stricter segregation of fans.

A spokesman for the Sports Minister at the Department of the Environment spoke yesterday.

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Mansell wins after pile-ups

Nigel Mansell of Britain, won the Austrian Grand Prix in Zellweg yesterday when he took the chequered flag in his Williams Honda more than 50 seconds ahead of his rival and team colleague, Nelson Piquet of Brazil.

Multiple crashes stopped the start of the race twice. In the first accident, Martin Brundle of Britain, lost control of his Zakspeed after the car's rear suspension failed. Four trailing cars crashed as they tried to avoid him.

On the restart 40 minutes later, Mansell lost power and 10 cars ploughed into each other as they tried to slip past the eventual winner. No one was hurt in either accident.

When the race finally got under way more than an hour late, Piquet, in pole position, took the lead, followed by Thierry Boutsen, Gerhard Berger and Mansell. By the tenth lap, the Williams were one-two. As they began to gather in the back-markers, Mansell slipped past Piquet to take the lead.

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Hurd orders Muslims inquiry

By Tony Dawe
Clifford Longley
and Andrew McEwen

The Government is planning a high priority inquiry into the impact and influence of Britain's one-million strong Muslim community at a time when rival factions are receiving heavy financial backing from Libya, Saudi Arabia and other Islamic nations.

For while the Foreign Office is well briefed on Islam's international power struggle, the Home Office lacks adequate information on the way Muslims in Britain live and are organized.

The inquiry has been triggered partly by concern at the

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millions of pounds flooding into Britain from Muslim countries.

The Libyan regime of Colonel Gaddafi is paying £6 million to one group and owns an Islamic College in West London. During his state visit to Britain earlier this year, King Fahd of Saudi Arabia left £12 million to be spent by rival groups. The Iraqi Government has also provided funds for British Muslim groups and promised more once the Gulf war is over.

Influence over the Muslim community in Britain, which is beginning to emerge from its shell and is struggling to develop a distinct identity, is regarded as a valuable prize in the international power struggle between Islamic nations.

A leading expert on Islamic affairs told *The Times*: "When Saudi Arabia and Libya give money to British Muslim groups, the motive is partly genuine Islamic zeal. But where does it stop? Is it just a question of goodwill or are there political overtones? A lot more research into this is needed."

The Home Office inquiry, now awaiting final approval, will examine all aspects of the Muslim community, which is the second largest within any Christian European nation. Preliminary work is expected to take place before the end of the year and the main study in 1988. It will be co-ordinated by the Home Office Research Department and some of the researchers will be British Muslims.

It has been sparked by the inadequacy of available information about the community and is not a reaction to the current political crisis in the Gulf. But the Government is certain to draw on the study's findings when making policy decisions affecting Muslim communities, both at home and abroad.

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Sun brings spate of accidents

By Howard Foster

The belated arrival of blazing August brought heavy coastal traffic and a spate of holiday accidents to Britain at the weekend.

A desire to reach resorts in the south-west of England was blamed for the failure of motorists to stop and help the victims of a head-on collision on the A303 on Salisbury Plain in which Donald and Gladys Stewart of Maidstone, Kent, died.

A father and his daughter suffered severe burns after

their motor cruiser exploded on the Thames yesterday. Both are in intensive care in a Surrey hospital.

Five people ran to safety near Newhaven in Sussex, after a helicopter giving rides at a charity fête burst into flames and in Southend, Essex, a teenage girl slipped and fell to her death under the wheels of a lorry in a carnival procession.

Two sisters died in the Borders when their car skidded in torrential rain on the Jedburgh to Hawick road near Denholm. Their parents escaped almost uninjured.

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Pay challenge

Chairmen of the nationalized industries say their salaries are unjustifiably low in comparison with those paid to the heads of newly-privatized companies. Page 19

Portfolio

● Two readers shared the Portfolio Gold daily competition prize on Saturday. They each receive £5,000 because there were no winners on the previous days. Details, page 3.

● There was no winner in the £20,000 weekly competition so there is £16,000 to be won this Saturday. Portfolio list, page 24.

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Gulf Britons take blame

From Robert Fisk, Fujairah

Two Britons were partly responsible for lifting the exclusion zone around the anchorage off Fujairah, United Arab Emirates, only hours before Captain Gerry Blackburn from Hull and five of his Indian crew died there when a mine struck their supply boat on Saturday.

Captain Roger Saunders, the Fujairah port manager, and Captain Roger Turnbull, the harbourmaster, took their fateful decision after being told by the Emirates coastguard that the area had been cleared of mines.

Captain Blackburn, aged 38 and married with a son, who had been taking a crew out to an oil tanker in the 156ft supply boat *Anita*, was still officially listed as missing yesterday along with four of the Indians because their bodies have not yet been found by coastguard patrol vessels.

The *Anita* was blown to pieces by the mine and sank

within three minutes, apparently taking Captain Blackburn to the bottom with her.

"I must say I was absolutely shattered when I heard what had happened," Captain Saunders said last night. "One feels a great deal of sorrow that, yes, I was partially instrumental in lifting the exclusion zone on the basis of information from the authorities here."



Captain Blackburn: Hero of Gulf rescues

"Both the harbourmaster, Captain Turnbull, and I - who sort of gave the OK to lift the exclusion zone - feel very upset about it. But we did not do it as our own idea. We are both experienced ex-merchant seafarers and we acted on what we thought was professional advice from the security forces."

Captain Saunders, who went to sea at 16 and was master of the Townsend Thoresen ferry plying from Falmouth to Zeebrugge before coming to Fujairah in 1982 - later to become port manager - knew Captain Blackburn only by sight.

Captain Blackburn was flying over the Gulf of Oman on Saturday searching for the oil slick left by the supertanker *Texaco Caribbean* - whose mining a week ago was the reason for the original exclusion zone - when the *Anita* exploded and sank.

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Amadeus is silenced after death of soloist

By Michael Dynes

The spectacular history of Britain's most celebrated musical ensemble came to an end this weekend with the death of Mr Peter Schidlöf, the virtuoso viola soloist of the Amadeus String Quartet.

Mr Schidlöf, a founder member of the group made up of Austrian refugees, died at his holiday cottage in the village of Sunderland in the Lake District late on Saturday night. He was 65.

Mr Martin Lovett, fellow musician and co-founder of the ensemble, told *The Times*: "We cannot go on without him. Peter's death means the end of the Amadeus quartet. He is simply irreplaceable."

Mr Felix Aprahamian, music critic and friend of the quartet since the four

men were students, described them as: "One of the greatest quartets in living memory. Not only had they been together for almost half a century, they were also one of the finest interpreters of the classical quartet repertoire."

"It was Peter Schidlöf's warmth and mastery that made him such an accomplished viola player as a member of the quartet, and also on rare occasions when he appeared as a soloist."

Mr Schidlöf, who had been attending a series of concerts at the Lake District Summer Music Festival in Windermere, was seen as an out-patient by a cardiologist at the Cumberland Infirmary in Carlisle last Thursday. He had complained of chest pains after jogging.

He later told friends and colleagues that he was fit and well, but he had been instructed by the cardiologist at the infirmary not to do any more jogging. He died later from what is believed to have been a heart attack.

Mr Lovett said that the group had filled a void that existed in high quality quartet performances. "We worked hard, kept standards up, and established our reputation throughout the world."

Speaking about the future of the remaining members of the ensemble, Mr Lovett said: "We all have positions at the Royal Academy of Music, and I expect we will carry on teaching and helping young musicians to develop their talent."

Dr John Manduell, principal of the Royal Northern College of Music and

a director of the Lake District festival, said that Peter Schidlöf's death was "a great shock and a sad loss".

He said: "He was a most distinguished member of our profession, and an adornment to it. His death brings to an end a chapter in the history of the greatest quartet in the land."

Mr Schidlöf, who was born in Vienna in 1922, came to England in 1938 to escape the Nazi persecution of the Jews. He helped form the Amadeus String Quartet, named in homage to Mozart and affectionately known as "The Wolf Gang", with Mr Siegmund Nissel, Mr Lovett and Mr Norbert Bratton immediately after the Second World War.

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NEWS SUMMARY

Docklands men in union vote

Employees of the Docklands Light Railway in the east end of London vote today on whether they wish to be represented by a trade union.

The 110 employees of the seven-and-a-half mile artery, built at a cost of £10 million a mile, have been wooed on a scale seldom encountered by non-unionized labour and they should know as much about the advantages of being a union member as most workers in Britain.

If they decide today that they wish to be union members, they will take part in another secret ballot to decide which union to join.

Unions recognize that the employees may hold the key to whether the whole burgeoning area will be represented by TUC-affiliated organizations.

Security man sues

A former senior MI6 officer is alleging that he has been libelled in a book about MI5 and MI6.

Mr Stephen De-Mowbray, of West Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent, has issued a writ complaining of references to himself in *The Secrets of the Service*, which deals with British intelligence and communist subversion from 1939 to 1951.

He is suing the author, Mr Anthony Gies, political history teacher at Brunel University, and the publishers, Jonathan Cape.

Bigger audience

The BBC will broadcast to a potentially huge new European radio audience today after a satellite deal with British Telecom.

Cable operators and local radio stations will be able to re-broadcast programmes from the World Service in English and programmes specially compiled in 20 languages sent out by the BBC's External Services.

The BBC has rented two 24-hour audio channels on British Telecom's communications satellite Eutelsat, also used by Superchannel.

Romanians pass test

The Department of Transport is to be recommended to lift its ban on Romanian jets flying in British airline colours after Romanian pilots proved they could operate to international standards (Our Air Correspondent writes).

The pilots, working for the Romanian State airline Tarom, were tested by the British Civil Aviation Authority at the weekend. The tests, identical to those used by Romanian authorities, are less rigorous than those which British pilots must pass but sufficient under international agreements to allow the Romanians to enter British air space or fly British national flags.

Four Romanian jets were grounded last week when four out of five Romanian pilots failed a British CAA test.

School switch

Miss Maureen McGoldrick, the infant school head in the north London borough of Brent whose suspension for an alleged racist remark was ended only by the intervention of Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education, is seeking a lower-paid job in the nearby Conservative-controlled borough of Barnet.

Miss McGoldrick is one of 14 candidates for the headship of Queenswell Infants School in Whetstone. The final selection for the post will be made next term.

Jaguar hit by dispute

Assembly work on Jaguar cars with a showroom value of £4 million will be lost today as 60 fork lift operators stay away from work in support of a suspended colleague.

More than 1,200 assembly line workers at the Brown's Lane plant in Coventry have also been told to stay at home as parts vital to their operation cannot be delivered.

The company yesterday declined to say why the man had been suspended for one day. The company expects normal production to be resumed tomorrow.

Orchestra leader quits London music rat race

The leader of the London Symphony Orchestra is blaming the pressures of working for a London orchestra for his decision to return to his previous job in Manchester.

Mr Michael Davis, aged 43, has been with the LSO for eight years. Next month he takes up his new appointment, for a lower salary, as senior joint leader of the Hallé Orchestra in Manchester.

Working for the LSO left little time for anything else to

the detriment of his music. "Enough was enough," Mr Davis said. "If my career is to last I should not just keep hammering it. There will come a point when it is all used up."

To make an adequate living London orchestras work constantly, doing everything from pop music to film soundtracks, he said. "Doing that, it is very difficult to sustain the standards expected of the LSO."

50-minute chess set for TV

By Raymond Keene Chess Correspondent

The mightiest assemblage of British chessboard mental muscle ever brought together will battle for the BIS Group British Speed Chess Championship in London's Park Lane Hotel this week.

For the first time all the leading British players, both men and women, will take part in one tournament, contesting a knockout television championship culminating on Thursday.

The favourite to win the £2,000 first prize is the new British champion, Nigel Short from Bolton. He will be closely challenged by Grandmasters Jon Speelman, Dr John Nunn, Murray Chandler, and Dr Yana Miles.

Largely to attract television audiences, no game will last more than 50 minutes, draws will not count, and replays will take just ten minutes.

The championship will be filmed by Thames Television and screened in seven episodes by Channel 4, beginning in October.

Companies critical of 'floundering' inner city campaign

By Paul Eastham

Inadequate local consultation, under-funding and too much Whitehall control are blunting the Government's campaign to revive inner cities, senior executives of several large companies have told *The Times*.

A random poll of firms which are piloting redevelopment schemes in deprived areas showed criticisms that government agencies were occasionally appearing ill-informed and ill-managed, and sometimes "floundering around" about what to do.

Mr Nicholas Horsley, deputy chairman of Northern Foods of Hull, which has a £1.3 billion turnover, said that government rate capping and the forthcoming poll tax was putting too much power in Whitehall hands and that would reduce the effectiveness of looking after cities properly by reducing the net amount of money available.

He said: "It is self-evident there is far more caring among local councils in Newcastle, Middlesbrough and Liverpool for their own inner cities and they better appreciate what's wrong than Civil Servants living in Suburbia."

He did not agree with the

philosophy of diverting cash into government-controlled initiatives designed to cut through local authority red tape, such as the 16 inner city task forces with £1 million a year to create jobs in local areas and the four new urban development corporations with £160 million over six years.

Mr Phil Ward, Northern Foods group personnel executive, has been closely involved in the nine months ago since the company began in-

ner city schemes in Belfast, Liverpool, Middlesbrough, Manchester and Huddersfield, where it has factories. He said the "tremendous risk" was that, after encouraging business to do more, Government would use this as an excuse to do less itself, as happened in arts sponsorship.

Several voluntary agencies, housing associations and businesses that Northern Foods worked with on inner city schemes were critical that government statements on in-

ner cities were grabbing headlines, but government agencies were not particularly well-managed on the ground.

"They tend to flounder around not knowing what to do or where to start and tend to come back to organizations already there and say: 'What would you do?'"

A senior executive with a clearing bank, who did not wish to be identified, told *The Times* that in Manchester he counted 15 different agencies

working on inner city problems. While the Government's approach to inner city problems was better than 10 years ago, he said, "we have too many people mucking about in the pie."

Although the London Docklands Development Corporation had been successful there was not a big enough democratic involvement from local people. Many local councils were archaic as presently organized, but it was a disaster to have abolished the metro-

politan authorities which had a region-wide view.

If such organizations still existed and were properly funded, sensibly democratic and sufficiently powerful, they could unquestionably have tackled the daunting scale of economic problems in the regions. In Manchester, for example, with the metropolitan council gone, rich districts on the city fringes could ignore deprivation in the centre.

Similar criticism came from Mr David Wood, group communications adviser for the glassmakers, Pilkington Brothers, of St Helens, Lancashire, which has helped to create thousands of jobs at the firm's former sites since it began closures in the 1960s in Kent, Wales, Scotland and the Midlands.

He said that government agencies must consult local authorities and businesses already in the inner cities to ensure that their work did not cut across existing work. "We believe any government initiative directed at helping inner cities is to be welcomed. But it would be doubly welcomed if we felt it was being directed in association with those on the ground who are most intimately acquainted with the problems."

There was great bitterness in the community at the influx of middle-class families on to smart property islands set well to wall with council estates or shabby, rented houses.

Lack of training may cripple Britain's high-tech future

By Tim Jones

One in five firms in the United Kingdom believes that a lack of new information-technology trained employees is threatening its survival.

A report by the International Labour Office to delegates attending an International Labour Organization conference next month states that Britain could become a country divided not by class, but by skill.

Britain and Europe will become largely irrelevant to new opportunities unless a profound transformation to meet the skills challenge of the new industrial revolution is made.

Europe is generally acknowledged to lag behind in computerization and new technology diffusion compared with the United States and Japan, the report states. "If the old continent wants to take up the challenge from overseas, skill development will play a central role."

Two broad categories of workers are emerging throughout Europe — those who have acquired new information-technology skills and those who have not.

The overall picture is of a bottleneck between demand and supply of specialists who can design, manage and operate new technologies. The report states: "Unless educational and training systems move ahead, a polarization of the workforce could evolve,

A voluntary organization which encourages women to work in high-tech industries has accused the Manpower Services Commission of hypocrisy after the commission's refusal of financial support for its proposals.

London-based Women Engineering Science Technology (West) wants funds for a nationwide advice service and says it received personal interest and encouragement

from MSC chairman Mr Brian Nicholson.

Miss Nikki Henriques, a founder member of West, said yesterday that Mr Nicholson had encouraged it to apply to the commission for pump-priming finance to take the scheme nationwide.

Once the question of providing finance for the scheme arose, the commission showed no interest, Miss Henriques said.

Many jobs are unfilled because insufficient workers are capable of a "more intellectual relationship" with the new equipment which requires mathematical skills and the ability to abstract, plan and anticipate future situations.

The crisis is emerging

because European education training policy objectives remain "anchored in yesterday's world", still divorced from industrial realities and needs, the report says. "By and large, they are conservative and inflexible, lacking aggressive and fine-tuning to the present labour market."

There are other constraints, such as shortages of up-to-date teachers and instructors, insufficient training, software and hardware and a lack of

financial resources coupled with obsolete curricula.

Computer literacy, although essential, cannot be the only aim of training and retraining, the report states. "Instead, vocational training programmes will have to develop all the requisite skills needed in occupations in which trainees are seeking employment or re-employment."

In the factory of the future, staff would be composed of

"The whole point of West is to combat the skills shortage that everyone recognizes exists."

She described the commission's attitude as a "complete sham", and has written to the Prime Minister and directors of the MSC and the Confederation of British Industry to express concern over what she believes is apathy in government towards women in technology.

Mr David Lisle, principal training advisor to the MSC, said that the commission "could only give money to support specific projects" and not provide pump-priming finance.

He added that at any one time the commission supported about 50 projects aimed at encouraging women to move into non-traditional areas of work.

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Bow Group indicts Tories for 'shaky' election campaign

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

The Conservative Bow Group magazine, *Crossbow*, today delivers a scathing verdict on the Tory election campaign, the Prime Minister's conduct during the election, and the Government's central plans for the current Parliament.

An editorial says that the nation witnessed "a Conservative leadership badly muddled" after Labour's effective campaigning in the opening week of the election.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher was made to look "distinctly shaky" and the Tory manifesto was "shot full of holes" and found "audibly creaking when put to the wholly predictable and trivial test of a few simple press conference questions".

Calling that "pretty damning" for a package conceived nine months earlier and worked on by a party of government, it says that it is not good for future confidence "when a Prime Minister of eight years' standing, unable to give a convincing account of the details of plans for the next term of office, has to fall back on the Winter of Discontent as the main reason for voting Tory".

Crossbow also criticizes the

Tory plans for housing and education, the centrepieces of the Government's programme in this Parliament for tackling the problems of the inner cities, and suggests that there is not the slightest chance that these areas of political crisis will be resolved to anyone's satisfaction by the next election.

The Tory magazine claims that there is little sign of an overall strategy for the inner cities, saying: "It is clearly not good enough to hope that individual local authorities can be brought to heel by allowing them to edge into bankruptcy one at a time. For a start, they might not be so co-operative as to go one at a time — they might just choose all to go into crisis together."

"It is doubtful whether the fabled 'commissioners' could run even one large town in the face of obstructionist local government unions. All of Whitehall put together would not have the manpower or ability to run half a dozen cities from London."

It criticizes the plans for parents and governors to be able to take schools out of local education authority control, saying that in schools

where governors are fit to exercise such authority there is unlikely to be trouble in the first place.

It also condemns plans for council tenants and estates to be able to opt out of local authority control, saying that private landlords will only be interested in taking on idyllic estates. "For each estate which finds a way to opt out, there will be dozens which cannot."

The magazine calls for the Prime Minister and her Cabinet to abandon what it calls "the trite, unhelpful standpoint that unemployment and adverse social conditions do not cause crime. Because for all practical purposes they do".

Tory leaders will shrug off the attacks as the predictable work of a magazine anxious to publicize itself with controversial opinions. Such assaults have been a regular feature over the years of party group publications. But the *Crossbow* attacks, reflecting opinions widely voiced within the party, are an early warning that this year's Tory Party conference may not be an altogether self-congratulatory affair.

MacLennan's olive branch

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

Mr Robert MacLennan, the SDP MP poised to become the new leader of his troubled party, moved yesterday to heal the breach in its ranks.

In a surprise move aimed at placating supporters of Dr David Owen, Mr MacLennan, MP for Caithness and Sutherland, instructed his Westminster office to issue a statement emphasizing his determination to fight for cherished SDP policies in the forthcoming merger talks with the Liberals.

He said that on three key policy areas — the social market economy, the nuclear deterrent and Nato, and integration of tax and benefits — he was not prepared to compromise.

Mr MacLennan, who angered Dr Owen at the weekend by abandoning his past opposition to a merger and declaring himself as a candidate to lead the SDP in talks with the Liberals, said in his statement: "David Owen has been without question the single greatest asset of the SDP in the last four years and his most im-

portant contribution of all was on these three policy areas.

"They are the heart of the matter. We will not be successful in the negotiations if we seek to split differences and seek happy compromises. Our stance must be sharp and robust."

"I believe a large number of Liberals are attuned to these points and are looking to diminish the influence of what they consider is a highly vocal minority in their party."

Mr MacLennan's olive branch is intended for that part of the Owenite faction within the SDP, which he believes considerable, which opposed a merger in the recent ballot on grounds of pragmatism rather than principle.

He hopes they can be won over to the idea of single party if they have confidence that their cause will be championed and defended in the forthcoming talks about its nature and structure.

However, Mr MacLennan is likely to face an uphill struggle in his talks with the Liberals.

Left-wingers, led by Mr

Michael Meadowcroft, the former MP for Leeds West and a candidate for the Liberal presidency, are pressing Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, to adopt a tough stance in the merger talks.

In a separate development yesterday, Mr Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal MP for Yeovil, came to the defence of his party leader, who has been under attack from prominent figures within its ranks.

The leadership of a newly forged Alliance party would be Mr Steel's for the asking, Mr Ashdown said in a BBC radio interview.

He rebuked Mr Steel's internal critics for their "unhelpful" remarks.

Mr Austin Mitchell, Labour MP for Great Grimsby, said to attend both the Liberal and SDP conferences in an attempt to win new recruits to Labour's ranks.

"Our party is now much more democratic and is a far better way of advancing social democracy than the shattered party they now belong to," he said.



Studied reflection: Professor Potts with Samantha Bailey, aged one, at the International Clown Day at East Budleigh, Devon yesterday (Photograph: Dennis McNeelance).

Sun sparks accidents

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The London Weather Centre yesterday reported temperatures in the early 80s Fahrenheit in London and the South of England but much lower readings in the North. At Macclesfield, which recorded one of the highest Northern temperatures, the figure was only 19C.

A forecaster said there was still a distinct division between the north and south which is likely to continue.

Although coast roads in Kent, Hampshire, Devon and Cornwall were choked by midday as drivers headed for the seaside, some roads in Scotland were impassable through flooding.

skilled workers, such as specialists in machine tools. "Most of the non-machine tasks required by the flexible manufacturing systems could be done in job rotation by operators, whereas some programming jobs and maintenance could be delegated to personnel working outside the system."

Educational priorities must change, the report says. Groups which bear the brunt of unemployment caused by restructuring and technological changes in western Europe tend to be young people looking for their first job, women employees and older workers who commonly are employed in ailing "sunset" industries.

"Mostly by-passed by in-plant training, they risk becoming 'technological misfits' drifting between the dole and low-paid jobs with no employment security and poor career prospects", the report states.

Customers criticize bank over visa move

By Kerry Gill

The Bank of Scotland is to be reported to the Office of Fair Trading because of its decision to replace customers' cheque cards with Visa cards.

The Scottish Consumer Council said yesterday that it had received numerous complaints from customers disturbed at the move.

The council considered the bank guilty of an "invidious form of credit marketing" and decided to inform OFT.

Miss Barbara Kelly, chairman of the council, said: "The bank is not clearly indicating to its customers that they have the choice of whether or not to accept the offer of a credit card or to keep the existing cheque guarantee card."

"The bank is probably hoping that many more customers will obtain Visa cards and while there is nothing wrong in a bank advertising its facilities, they are being positively misleading in connecting the credit card to the issue of cheque guarantee cards", she said.

Mr Martin O'Neill, Labour MP for Clackmannan, said the bank's action smacked of one of the worst forms of inertia selling.

Some people had made a deliberate decision not to have credit cards, yet the bank implied in letters to customers that they could not write cheques unless they had a credit card, he said.

The bank has made it clear that the facility is not extended to all customers, but only those deemed credit-worthy.

Miss Kelly said: "Customers should not be misled as to why they are being offered the two in one card and it must be made clear that they have the option to refuse the offer. Banks should not abuse the trust the customer has placed in them."

Midland Bank customers face long delays and disruption as members of the banking union, Bifu, take industrial action over pay.

The union, which has 24,000 members working for the bank, said that it was "confident" of getting support for an overtime ban and one-day strikes if the Midland refuses to come up with an improved pay offer.

The union plans to widen action against Barclays and National Westminster in an attempt to increase the banks' 5 per cent offer.

Action against the fourth large clearing bank, Lloyds, was called off when it offered staff an extra 2 per cent on top of 5 per cent from August 1.

Post office 'mole' suspected

A "mole" in the Irish post office is thought to have been responsible for the leak to the Provisional IRA last week of an internal police memo giving details of the holiday movements of Britain's Ambassador to Dublin, Mr Nicholas Fenn.

Investigations are focused on postal sorters in Tralee, Co. Kerry. The Garda were guilty of nothing more than carelessness, Mr Charles Haughey, the Irish prime minister.

Police in Tralee are thought to have sent a memo to police headquarters in Dublin through the ordinary post in a Garda envelope stamped "confidential" — rather than by a secure courier.

The memo asked for police divers to be made available to check a boat on which Mr Fenn was to sail during his three-day holiday in the remote seaside village of Sneem.

Meanwhile, police in Northern Ireland and the republic have been put on full alert after fears that the IRA are about to stage a spectacular attack.

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Two of septuplets battle on for life after one boy dies

Two of Britain's first septuplets were showing signs of improvement yesterday after suffering setbacks overnight.

But all six survivors, born three months premature at Liverpool Maternity Hospital on Saturday, are still clinging on to life.

Dr Richard Cook, the consultant paediatrician in charge, said it would be "quite remarkable" if all the tiny babies survived.

Kane, the last born, who weighs just 1lb 8oz, had "quite a bad setback" during the night, but had improved, he said.

Erin, the fifth born and the smallest of the seven at 15oz, had improved dramatically since Saturday morning when she was so ill she was not expected to live.

The babies' parents names have been withheld by a public relations company acting for them, but they are believed to be Mrs Ivy Halton, aged 27, and her husband, Keith, of St Helens, Merseyside. He is understood to work at a children's home.

Dr Cook said that with a single birth after 27 weeks the odds on survival would be 50-50, but with a multiple birth, the chances would be lower.

"If all these children sur-

vived, it would be quite remarkable.

"The odds of six babies of this maturity all surviving are not very great, but naturally, one tries to be optimistic."

The boy who died was the fourth of the seven children delivered by caesarean section: he weighed just 1lb and survived for only 25 minutes.

Two had given a lot of trouble overnight, but were now doing well. Of the others, Leah, the sixth born, at 1lb 4oz, is also ill.

Second-born Christy, weighing 1lb 10z, is said to be the fittest of the six, with Laura, at 1lb 10oz, also doing well.

First-born Liam, at 1lb 10.5 ounces, is said to be stable with no significant change in his condition.

Dr Cook said all the children would remain on ventilators in the regional intensive care neo-natal unit at the hospital for several weeks.

They were being fed, intravenously, with a solution of sugar and protein.

"They are being kept at the right temperature which is a problem because they are extremely small", he said.

Dr Cook and his team are no strangers to dealing with premature multiple births. Three years ago they suc-

cessfully brought the Walton septuplets through the difficult first few weeks when they were born after only 31 weeks.

"The mother is very tired and is having a rest now. She will come down and see her babies later today", Dr Cook said of the latest births.

"She is a bit more comfortable than she was yesterday. She knows she has lost one child and now she is very anxious for the others. She is keeping her feelings very much to herself."

"The father is going down to see the babies every hour or so. He is keeping his fingers crossed and hoping for the best."

Dr Winnifred Francis, the consultant obstetrician gynaecologist who delivered the septuplets, said the mother had been treated with follicle stimulating hormone, one of the stronger fertility drugs.

The couple have been married for several years and are believed to have been trying for a baby for most of that time.

"We have been using fertility drugs since 1965 and we have only had two big multiple pregnancies in my unit in that time", Dr Francis said.

The mother is expected to remain in hospital for at least two weeks.

'Embryo abuse' under attack

Life, the anti-abortion group, has condemned in-vitro fertilization (IVF) as an unnecessarily hazardous and morally objectionable technique which is part of "a spine-chilling world of embryo abuse".

Life claims that "thousands of infertile couples are condemned to childlessness because doctors are so obsessed with sophisticated IVF techniques, which have a very low success rate, that they neglect much more straightforward ways of coping with infertility".

The group has written to the Voluntary Licensing Authority (VLA), the organization overseeing IVF practices, challenging it to produce evidence that women having test-tube babies could not have children "much more cheaply,

easily and safely" by using an ultrasound scanner to detect the mature egg and guide it past the blockage to a position where natural intercourse can result in fertilization.

However, leading fertility experts describe Life's conclusions as "absolute nonsense". They claim that the reason eggs are taken out of the woman is because natural conception has a much lower success rate than in vitro fertilization.

The director of a leading London fertility unit said yesterday that he "would be very interested to see the evidence on which Life have based their conclusions, as most of the data points to the poor success of natural conception compared to in vitro techniques".

Life claims that doctors use IVF because "test tube technology has become a prestigious vogue" and "produces a plentiful supply of 'spare' human embryos which can be used for experimentation and research".

Professor William Thompson, of Queen's University, Belfast, a member of the VLA, said yesterday that such claims were "totally wrong and very unfair".

"Someone has read about the ultrasound techniques and their imagination has gone wild", he said, pointing out that well over 50 per cent of IVF operations already use ultrasound to detect where the eggs lie. He accepted IVF was expensive and lengthy, but said techniques were "getting better all the time".

Cricket's man of action finding time to relax



Off duty: Imran Khan, the Pakistan cricket captain, relaxing at his London flat after leading his team to an historic first series win over England last week. Now he has time to think about the "Battle of the Giants" when 22 of the world's top cricketers meet at Lord's on Thursday for the MCC bicentenary test match. But, having said he aims to retire after the game, he could be resting those feet for good. (Photograph: Stephen Markeson).

£200m for Harrods new look

By Howard Foster

The slightly surreal sight of a cement mixer in what until a few days ago was the men's toiletries department of Harrods is something to which the Knightsbridge store's staff are rapidly becoming accustomed.

Radical changes are being made to London's most famous department store, on a scale and with a speed that has amazed even its longest serving workers.

The aim is to bring the store, which even Harrods staff admit privately was beginning to look dated, more into line with its image. It had an abundance of historical decoration and features - Art Deco, Edwardian, sumptuous marble and elegant woodwork - but also garish red suede.

Plans by Mr Mohamed Al-Fayed, Harrods' chairman, to spend £200 million were finalized four months ago, and yesterday a team of 200 craftsmen and labourers was putting the finishing touches all over the ground floor.

Mr Michael Macray, deputy director of visual merchandising and responsible for overseeing the refurbishment, said: "The scale of the spending and the speed is staggering. It is an operation of great precision. The workmen come in at about 8 o'clock on Sunday morning and as soon as they leave in the afternoon or evening we have to get the store ready for our customers the following day."

Valuable features, such as the mahogany Edwardian staircase leading from the bakery to the clothing floor, have already been restored. Italian chandeliers are being installed in the food hall, brown Botticelli marble is being laid on the floor of the men's department, and the leather department has discarded its mirrored pillars in favour of Art Deco green marble.

The store is spending £9 million on marble, £6.5 million on carpets, £16.5 million on decorative features and £56 million on fittings. The rest of the £200 million will go on miles of new cabling and mechanical and structural replacement.

Mr Al-Fayed does not deny that he is trying to make a monument of Harrods. He said recently: "If you come from a country that has the pyramids, all the time you are thinking how you can perpetuate your name forever."

Scanner improves diagnosis

Doctors at a London hospital have developed a scanner that uses sound waves to diagnose painlessly muscular dystrophy in young children.

By detecting the disease early, the machine will enable doctors to warn the parents about the risk of having further children suffering from the same genetic disorder. About one in 5,000 children falls victim to the disease.

In work backed by the Medical Research Council, Dr John Heckmatt, a lecturer in paediatrics at the Hammersmith Hospital, and his colleagues have built an experimental scanner that uses ultrasound to detect the changes in muscle composition which signal the onset of the disease.

An ultrasound-emitting transducer is held against the skin, and the echoes that bounce back from the muscles

beneath are used to build up an image that depends on the intensity of the echoes received.

Normal muscle absorbs most of the sound energy, and appears dark on the image monitor, while bone, being highly reflective, shows up white.

In muscular dystrophy, muscle becomes weaker through being replaced by layers of fat and connective tissue. The normally dark image then appears streaky on the monitor.

But, unlike other ultrasound scanners such as those used to monitor pregnancies, the Hammersmith machine is connected to a microcomputer that converts the image into a figure that measures the relative "reflectivity" of the tissue being scanned.

According to Dr Heckmatt, that enables doctors to tell quantitatively whether the muscular dystrophy is of the progressive or non-progressive type. The ultrasound technique is painless, and does not expose the child to any harmful radiation.

Researchers at the hospital are also trying to use the technique for early diagnosis of other conditions, such as cirrhosis of the liver.

Drug rules worry GPs

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Some family doctors are refusing to prescribe growth hormone drugs for children because they fear they will be violating guidelines laid down by the Department of Health and Social Security, it was claimed yesterday.

Mr Tam Fry, chairman of the Child Growth Foundation, which represents children with stunted growth, said that GPs were reluctant to prescribe the drug, both because of its cost, about £5,000 per patient per year, and because they were not always clinically responsible for the patient.

"We are being told by specialists more and more

often that GPs are refusing to prescribe growth hormone drugs," Mr Fry said.

He wants the Government to clarify the position.

According to DHSS guidelines, only the doctor primarily responsible for the clinical care of the patient can prescribe the drug and, in the case of growth hormone treatment, that initial responsibility generally lies with the hospital consultant.

But several hospitals with financial difficulties are now asking GPs to prescribe the hormone treatment from the start, so that the cost is seen as part of the GP's budget and not that of the hospital.

Scientists study herbal cures

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Scientists are studying traditional herbal remedies for illnesses that are becoming resistant to man-made drugs.

Extracts from plants used by tribal healers in Central Africa are among those being screened for their effectiveness in treating disorders such as asthma, arthritis, diabetes, malaria and various tumours.

An exhibition of the research has opened at the Commonwealth Institute in Kensington, west London, after an expedition by Dr Dorothy Bray, of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, to observe tra-

ditional healers in five Central African countries.

Dr Bray, who specializes in anti-malarial compounds, says that with the emergence of drug resistance in standard synthetic medicines, malaria is killing 1.5 million people a year and debilitating many more.

She believes it is a mistake that techniques of chemical synthesis have replaced traditional methods in drug research, saying that 70 per cent of the world still relies on traditional medicine based on millennia-old knowledge of plants.

She estimates that as many as 50,000 species have been involved in building up experience in herbal medicine, but less than 2 per cent of them have been analysed. Even so, that knowledge led to the discovery of anti-inflammatory agents such as aspirin, cardiac drugs, potent antibiotics, and anti-cancer agents.

"As the modern techniques of chemical synthesis have failed so far to provide new anti-malarials, it has become imperative that the widely used traditional cures for malaria should be investigated."

Portfolio Gold Two share prize of £12,000

Two winners share the Portfolio Gold Saturday dividend of £12,000, treble the usual amount because there were no winners on the two preceding days.

Mrs Beth Stuart Brown, of Renfrewshire, said her £6,000 share would go towards a visit to her native Canada which she and her husband planned for October.

She said: "I have played Portfolio Gold since it began and my husband has read *The Times* for years, but we were very surprised to win."

Mr R A Maitre, a poet and literary translator, of the Red House, Bridport, Dorset, said he would "stuff an ancient teddy bear" with his winnings.

There was no winner of the Portfolio Gold weekly dividend.

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Boy playing in box is killed on rail line

A boy aged 12 was killed by an express train as he played inside a wooden box with a friend on a rail line.

The train, which was travelling at more than 70mph, ploughed through the box killing the boy instantly, but his friend aged 11 was thrown to safety.

The accident happened on Saturday evening on a line running through Saffron Lane estate, in Leicester.

Tower still top attraction

By John Spicer

Britain's historic homes and gardens earned a record £118 million last year.

In England alone, revenue for visits to historic buildings rose by 6 per cent - in spite of a drop in the number of tourists, particularly from North America, because of Libyan terrorist threats.

The Tower of London still heads the list of most popular historic sites with paid admissions, but it is the places where entry is free that are gaining most in popularity.

In 1986, the tower attracted 2,019,900 visitors (down 17 per cent on the previous year), with the Roman baths at Bath coming second with 828,492.

However, according to the eleventh edition of the English Tourist Board's report, which looks into the preservation, presentation and public use of England's buildings, Westminster Abbey, St Paul's Cathedral, York Minster and Canterbury Cathedral all had more than two million non-paying visitors.

Westminster Abbey headed the free-entry list with more than three million visitors.

The board says that visits to National Trust properties showed a 1 per cent increase in 1986 and although admissions to government and private properties were down, recovery is well under way for this year.

By the end of June, visits to

PROPERTIES WITH MORE THAN 200,000 PAYING VISITORS (1986)

	1985	1986
Tower of London	2,019,900	2,019,900
Roman Baths and Pump Rooms, Bath	828,492	828,492
State Apartments, Windsor Castle	735,000	735,000
Warwick Castle	640,919	580,255
Beaulieu, Hampshire	551,879	551,879
Blackheath Palace, Oxfordshire	496,621	496,621
Stoke Newington, Wiltshire	496,138	496,138
Hampton Court Palace	482,000	482,000
Leeds Castle, Kent	453,559	453,559
Tower Bridge, London	419,083	419,083
St George's Chapel, Windsor	402,224	402,224
Am Harbaway's Cottage, Shropshire	337,466	337,466
Blenheim Palace, Oxfordshire	331,601	331,601
The Canny Cuckoo, Greenwold	310,568	310,568
Salisbury Cathedral, Wiltshire	294,000	294,000
Royal Pavilion, Brighton	279,000	279,000
HMS Victory, Portsmouth	270,000	270,000
Fontaine Abbey, N Yorkshre	239,422	239,422
FMS Belfast, London	215,416	215,416
Hever Castle, Kent	208,810	208,810

Source: D O E, English Heritage, National Trust and the English Tourist Board

National Trust properties were up a further 10 per cent on 1986 with English Heritage and the Historic Houses Association also reporting an upward trend at their properties.

Well-known historic buildings were hardest hit by the fall in overseas visitors last year. Of the 23 historic buildings that attracted more than 200,000 paid admissions only Tower Bridge, Fountains Abbey (Yorkshire) and Hever Castle (Kent) increased their visitors.

Hever Castle was open for 18 extra days, had better road signage, and introduced a new exhibition about Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn. Visits

to the castle have risen by 84 per cent since 1983.

The English Tourist Board says 1,754 historic buildings are advertised as being regularly open to the public in 1987. There are now 526 properties charging £1 or more, of which 20 charge at least £3.

The average admission charge this year is £1.18, an increase of 9 per cent on 1986.

The report says that in 1986, 27,657 historic buildings were added to the Department of Environment's list of specially protected buildings, bringing the total to 395,377. *English Heritage Monitor 1987* (English Tourist Board, 4 Bromley Road, London SW4 0BJ; £9 inc p&pp).

A night at the opera as solicitors go a-wooing

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs
Correspondent

Solicitors are fast discovering the joys of a new business pastime: wooing clients.

Long City lunches or staid teas at the Ritz are out; these days clients of upwardly mobile solicitors are into croquet, cricket or clay pigeon shooting.

Large and medium-size City firms in particular are making up for lost time since the relaxation last year of professional practice rules on advertising and are at the same time moving into "client entertainment".

Tooting is strictly forbidden under the professional practice rules and all firms are at pains to point out that although some "potential" clients may be entertained as well as current ones, the aim is not so much seeking out new business as cementing existing relations.

Miss Zena Bates, a public relations consultant, said: "It's the new thing for solicitors. It's not so much tooting; more a question of - we have worked hard together on a project, let's relax together."

"Companies have been entertaining clients for ages; increasingly solicitors want to entertain back."

Predictably firms are rather coy about what they do. "Occasional parties to the opera", and "the odd game of golf", Norton Rose, of one City firm, said. Another, which refused to be named, admitted to a hospitality tent at Goodwood and shooting parties at Holland & Holland's school in Norwood, Middlesex.

One partner said: "We leave the office at about three, shoot from five till eight and then have dinner. And it does not mean a whole day out from the office, which people are increasingly reluctant to do

under this new work ethic which prevails."

Other firms are more open, however. Durrant Preece is going in for "participation activities", where partners can meet clients informally out of the office. These include croquet at Hurlingham, buffet evenings around a legal theme run with firms of accountants, and they are now considering art exhibitions in their offices to which clients will be invited.

In-house lunches are still thriving although Perrier has replaced port. Nabarro Nathanson's newly-refurbished West End offices boast five dining rooms in daily use. The firm says they have been a huge success and have easily justified their existence.

Sponsorship of the arts is also popular. Many City firms such as Herbert Smith are "corporate" members of the Barbican, Covent Garden, the Festival Hall and National Theatre and have regular

blocks of seats. In turn their names are featured on the programmes.

Clifford Chance, the biggest City firm, takes clients to Henley, the opera and theatre and is a part-sponsor of a box at Reading football club through one of its clients.

Mr David Maander, managing partner, says most entertaining is on a one-to-one basis. Opera is becoming increasingly popular.

"It enables partners and their wives to meet with their clients and their wives and give them undivided attention." The scope for such entertaining is endless. Miss Gillian Kitching, of Inpsort Consultants, in Bagshot, Surrey, whose firm arranges a range of events for clients, says: "The legal profession has in the past been very staid and formal. Now they have a chance to return hospitality and get to know their clients informally."

Most popular is clay pigeon shooting at an historic home.

With solicitors, she says, the hospitality cannot be too "exciting. They don't go in for the one day trip to Champagne."

One firm, however, has taken up a day's motor racing at Silverstone, spending a day with professionals in Formula Fords, go-karting and skidpans. A day costs £7,000 for a group of 24.

Where will it all end? If the Inland Revenue has its way, with a huge tax bill.

Until this year it has allowed companies to foot the tax bill for the benefits of events such as hospitality tents at Henley or Ascot on behalf of their guests.

But it now intends to ask companies to name the people they have entertained and is suggesting it would prefer to collect the tax from the individuals.

Murder hunt appeal for witnesses

Police appealed yesterday for witnesses to a murder after a young Londoner confronted his girl friend's killer.

Mr Steve Pickin, aged 20, from Hoxton, north London, had called on Friday to take Miss Elena Dimitri, also aged 20, out when he came face to face with a tall man brandishing a knife. Miss Dimitri died from stab wounds.

Motorway repairs

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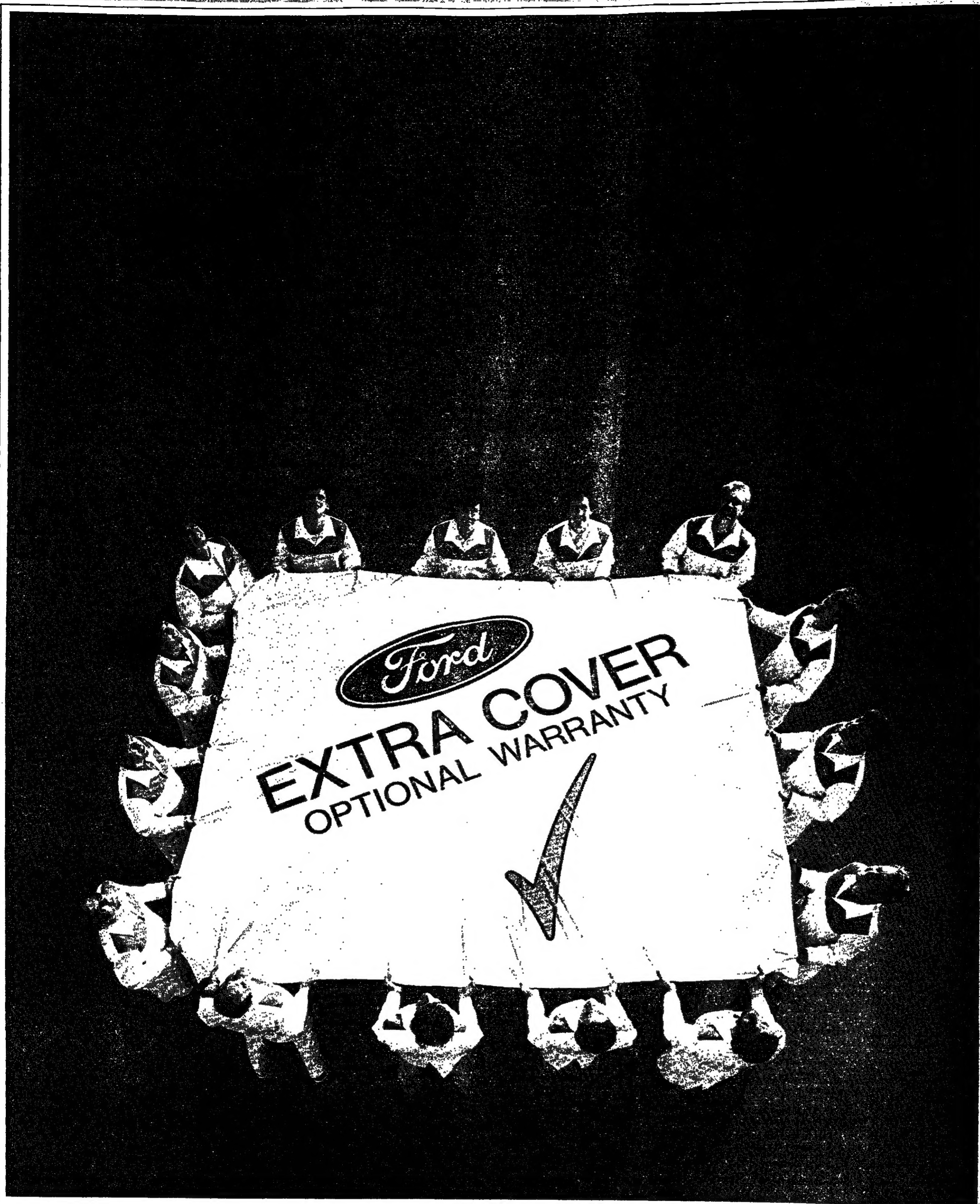
Wales and the West

M5 Gloucestershire: contraflow between junctions 9 and 11.

M5 Somerset/Devon: lane closures between junctions 25 and 26.

Scotland

M18 Strathclyde: one lane only eastbound between junctions 11 and 8.



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Everest expeditions: 1

Lightweight climbers pay a high price

Ten climbers forming a British-led expedition are this week heading for the north-east ridge of Everest. They will attempt the unclimbed ridge in lightweight style without using supplementary oxygen. The Mount Everest Foundation, principal sponsor of British expeditions, is concerned at the growing number of lightweight and alpine-style attempts. Ronald Faux, in the first of two articles, looks at the issues.

The north-east ridge of Everest has defeated four attempts and claimed the lives of two of the finest British mountaineers. In 1982, Pete Boardman and Joe Tasker disappeared among the line of steep pinnacles where the ridge meets the main mass of Everest.

They were climbing light and had rejected the use of oxygen sets as they moved into what climbers regard as the "death zone" above 8,000 metres where the air is so thin the human body, starved of oxygen, rapidly deteriorates.

Mr Rick Allen, co-leader of the latest attempt, says categorically he believes Boardman and Tasker were right to attempt the ridge as they did in spite of the tragic consequences.

Using an artificial supply of oxygen would, he believes, be unethical and make the achievement hardly worthwhile. Someone would succeed because it was the most daunting challenge remaining to mountaineers. "I would like that someone to be us", Mr Allen said.

The popularity of lightweight expeditions has spread because climbers find them more rewarding and they give greater involvement. They are less costly: the £50,000 budget for the present attempt is probably one-third that of a traditional expedition.

A number of early climbers, unaware of the dangers from oxygen starvation, spent long periods above 8,000 metres without using that cumbersome equipment.

Professor Noel Odell twice climbed to more than 27,000 feet in 1924 in search of Mallory and Irvine. He died this year at the age of 96.

What the pioneers were able

to endure through slow acclimatization particularly impressed Mr Reinhold Messner, the Italian mountaineer.

With hard training, determination and natural flair he went on to become the first man to climb all 14 summits in the world over 8,000 metres, all without being encumbered by cylinders of oxygen.

He said afterwards: "What is the point of lowering the mountain to your level by using artificial means when the real object is to climb to its summit?" He set the marker for mountaineers who seek climbing at his purest and most demanding level.

Many have died following Messner's example. They lacked perhaps the physical stamina, the fine judgement of when to retreat or simply the prodigious good luck of the Italian maestro.

Mr George Band, chairman of the Mount Everest Foundation and president of the Alpine Club, made it clear that the climbing establishment was alarmed at the number of deaths among expeditions using lightweight methods.

But the distant mountains come within easier range and as climbers force the competitive pace the risks increase.

Last year the disaster on K2, when 13 climbers died, caught out by storm on unsupported lightweight attempts, was the catalyst.

It was the grimmest evidence that mountaineers were not treating the Himalayas and its attendant perils with deserved respect, that governments were allowing too many expeditions to crowd the popular mountains and that the price in lives was becoming unacceptably high.

Tomorrow: The risks

Thirty entries still vie for conservation awards



Easter Elchies House at Craigellachie (left) and after its conversion to offices (right). Below: Brough Hall, Catterick, now providing self-contained houses.

A church, a warehouse, a fire station, an Edwardian school and a Norman house converted to some new purpose, are just a few of the schemes entered for the 1987 RICS/The Times Conservation awards.

A New Lease of Life attracted 93 entrants: 24 in group 1 (residential to non-residential) and 69 in group 2 (non-residential to residential). Below is a list of the 30 schemes that reached the shortlist. The prize-winners are to be announced on October 26, and the presentations will be made by Sir Hugh Casson.

This is the seventeenth RICS award. It was launched in 1971 in honour of European Heritage Year and to encourage architects, planners, developers and builders to be more conscious of the importance of good conservation.

A New Lease of Life has been a popular theme, drawing entries from Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales and England, where most came from the South-east and South-west. A number of buildings were in a state of decay.

Entries had to be either a former residential property converted to non-residential use, or a building that was not

residential, now turned over to residential use.

Architectural skill was not enough, however: entrants had to prove value for money and demonstrate that their finished building improved the appearance of its surroundings.

Shortlist

Group 1: Residential to non-residential
Bradstone Brook, Shalford, Guildford
Eastbourne Heritage Centre, 2 Carlisle Road, Eastbourne
The King's Lynn Preservation

Trust, 28-32 King Street, King's Lynn
Totnes Waterside, 9-12 The Plains, Totnes
Roshill House, Coalbrookdale Holmston House, Holmston Road, Ayr
Easter Elchies House, Craigellachie
Group 2: Non-residential to residential
Foxbury Place, High Street, Great Bedwyn
The Old Kila, Crondall Lane, Beavers Road, Farnham
Hartlands Cottage, Bucks Green, Billingshurst
New Concordia Wharf, Mill Street, London, SE1

Wick Farm, Wick Lane, Bournemouth
Latham Manor Rural Training Centre, Manor Farm, Luton, Yeovil
Church Court, Mill Street, Presbury
Fells Uchaf, Llanddeusant, Dyfed
Glan-y-alon Sheltered Housing Complex, Ruperra Street, New Tredegar, Gwent
Erw Gerrig Farm, Glyncoedog, Chirk, Clwyd
Ballygarvey Mews, Ballygarvey Road, Ballymena, Northern Ireland
Manor Court, Manor Street, Forfar, Tayside

St Peter's Church, Victoria Road, Torry, Aberdeen
Elizabethan Summer House, Elyton on Severn
The Faldyford, Muxton Lane, Muxton, Telford
Tardelbigge Farm Barn, Croyfield Lane, Lower Bentley
Brough Hall, Catterick
Park Court, Fountain Lane, Frodsham
Wren Green, Windmill Dales Wharf, Worsley
The Stable House, Heath Hall, Wakefield
The Three Greyhounds, Horsefair, Boroughbridge
Doves Barn, Mowbray's Yard, Ickleton

Court case may bring curbs on foxhunting

By Howard Foster

Magistrates at Llandello, west Wales, will next month hear a case which, if proved, could launch the biggest assault on foxhunting in Britain.

The prosecution, brought by the RSPCA, alleges that a wild fox was "cruelly terrified by hounds" during the last hunting season.

The society says that a hunt chased a fox into a river, where it injured itself, and that a huntsman then took hold of the animal and threw it to the pursuing hounds, which tore it to pieces.

The RSPCA is seeking publicity in bringing the action for its long-running campaign for a change in the Protection of Animals Act of 1911, under which a wild animal is not recognized as captive and thus has no legal protection unless it is "maimed, pinioned or subjected to any appliance or contrivance for the purpose of hindering or preventing its escape from captivity".

Miss Diana Jones, for the RSPCA, said: "It could be a seminal case. We are calling for clarification of the term 'captive animal' because, in our view, a fox that has injured itself has become captive."

"If we are successful here, it would be almost bound to have an effect on the way hunts are conducted. It would curb their activities and it would limit the hunt to a 'clean kill' by a pack of hounds without human intervention."

"Once the human has intervened and made it a captive animal it would then be an offence to kill the fox."

The RSPCA has no statistics to show how many kills are not "clean" in the foxhunting world but one official said that the alleged incident before the court could be the "tip of the iceberg".

That is denied by the Masters of Foxhounds Association, which represents almost 200 of the nation's hunts. Mr Anthony Hart, secretary of the MFA, said: "Under our rules this simply could not happen."

"Either the hounds kill the fox after the hunt or, if it goes into a hole and has to be destroyed at the request of the farmer, a humane killer is used. There is no possibility of wounding a fox."



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WORLD SUMMARY

Near-miss pilot facing charges

New York — The army private who came close to knocking President Reagan's helicopter out of the sky as it brought him to his California ranch is facing a string of charges including reckless flying and conduct unbecoming a soldier (Charles Bremner writes).

As military and civilian officials investigated Thursday's near miss during the weekend the passenger on board the plane piloted by Private Ralph Myers confirmed that the soldier was searching for his contact lenses when they swept through the entourage of presidential helicopters, missing the presidential aircraft by several hundred feet.

Officials said that Private Myers, aged 32, had been transferred to military custody and would be sent back to his base in Washington State. He was absent without leave when he was hired by a local businessman to fly him south to Los Angeles.

Mr Martin Fitzwater, the President's spokesman, said he could still also be prosecuted for a criminal offence.

Stable drug business

Madrid — Thoroughbred racehorses were used as a cover for transporting cocaine from Colombia to Spain, Spanish police revealed in a report published at the weekend (A Correspondent writes).

The saga concluded with the arrest on March 3 of Manuel Abajo, aged 49, a Spanish horsebreeder. In his car, he had more than 4lbs of pure cocaine, with a market value of \$400,000. Police first became suspicious of Abajo because his properties, stables and paddocks in the province of Toledo and near Madrid appeared to be much more luxurious than his only known business allowed. His only registered business was breeding racehorses, and it never recorded profits.

Night vigil for Elvis Snap poll expected

Memphis (Reuters) — Thousands of adoring Elvis Presley fans ended a candle-light vigil outside his Graceland mansion early yesterday, the 10th anniversary of his death, then scrambled for seats to a memorial service.

Police said an "easy 10,000" people had attended the all-night vigil outside the mansion, now a museum.

Fans were competing for only 1,000 seats in the Memphis State University

Copenhagen — Speculation is rife in Denmark of a snap election early next month after Mr Poul Schluter, the Conservative Prime Minister, recalled Parliament from its recess for an emergency session tomorrow (Christopher Follett writes).

MPs are to legislate on ending a four-month-old wage strike by government computer programmers. But observers expect Mr Schluter to announce elections on September 8 or 15.

US-Libyan contacts

Washington — A month after the US bombed Libya last year a handful of American officials approved plans for a secret meeting with a shadowy Libyan official who wanted better relations with Washington, it was reported yesterday (Christopher Thomas writes).

The New York Times quoted a participant in the plan as saying that the session, planned for June, 1986, was cancelled at the last minute after the failure of a visit by Mr Robert McFarlane, former National Security Adviser, to Tehran in May. The trip was set up by an Iranian middleman.

Clamp on Sea hunt for pilots

Hong Kong (AP) — China's State Council has ordered four southern provinces to take urgent measures to stop the flow of Vietnamese refugees from China to Hong Kong, according to official Chinese reports yesterday.

In remarks reported by China's official Xinhua news agency, Mr Xu Jiatun, the top Chinese official in Hong Kong, said the council told the provinces to step up marine patrols, to punish severely anyone encouraging refugees to flee from the republic, and to quash rumours of an amnesty for refugees reaching the colony.

Taylor's addiction

New York (Reuters) — Miss Elizabeth Taylor, the actress, said in an interview published yesterday that her addiction to drugs and alcohol would have killed her had she not sought treatment. Miss Taylor told *Cosmopolitan* magazine that her brother, Howard, three of her children and an actor friend, Mr Roddy McDowall, convinced her to seek treatment at the Betty Ford Clinic in El Rancho Mirage, California, founded by the wife of former President Gerald Ford. She said that she intended never to drink again.

Moscow orders better vigilance of air space

From Mary Dejevsky, Moscow

Senior Soviet officers used Air Force Day yesterday to reiterate the need for vigilance against unlawful incursions into Soviet air space.

Referring obliquely to the flight to Red Square by Herr Matthias Rust, the young West German, the first Deputy Commander of the Air Force, Colonel-General Boris Korotkov, said that "following Politburo discussion of the violation of Soviet air space", the Air Force was taking measures to increase vigilance, combat readiness and discipline, both in the combat units and in the command.

In an order for Air Force Day, which was celebrated throughout the Soviet Union with air displays and fly pasts, the Defence Minister, General Dmitri Yazov, also emphasized the need for greater combat readiness in the air.

General Yazov replaced the former Defence Minister, General Sokolov, who was retired shortly after the Rust incident. Many other defence and air defence officers are also believed to have been dismissed or demoted in the wake of the affair.

Herr Rust is expected to go on trial early next month, charged with illegal entry into the Soviet Union, violation of aviation regulations and "aggravated hooliganism".

Officials allege that Mr Mount was trying to sell documents stolen from the National Archives and the Library of Congress. Both institutions have begun investigations to determine what may be missing.

An archivist has been sent to Boston to copy the documents, which Mr Mount was allegedly trying to sell. Mr Mount was a familiar figure in the closely-guarded

Mellor warns Gulf states on bases for Armilla ships

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

A veiled warning to Gulf states not to withhold basing facilities from Britain's Armilla patrol if they want its help was issued yesterday by Mr David Mellor, Minister of State at the Foreign Office.

As four minesweepers prepare to sail for the Gulf today, Britain is still negotiating arrangements for them to use ports in friendly Gulf states. Oman, with which Britain has close ties, has already agreed to limited facilities, but there are signs that Whitehall hoped for fuller co-operation.

Mr Mellor, speaking on the BBC Radio 4 programme *The World This Weekend*, said talks with a number of countries were still under way, and he was not pessimistic about the outcome. "Our willingness to allow our men to hazard their lives will depend on the existence of these facilities."

He said: "What we would not be prepared to do is to allow our ships to be used in circumstances where they did not have the facilities and back-up that was needed. We have a very considerable professional expertise in mine-clearing, but our ability to do that must depend on the willingness of those we are trying to help to offer the facilities we need."

He said that Britain was engaged in "patient, quiet and essentially private diplomacy" on the facilities.

Although the patrol's remit is solely to protect ships flying the Red Ensign, the Foreign Office recognizes it will inevitably be asked to take on other tasks, including possibly clearing mines from harbours. It is also accepted that ships of other nations are likely to stay close to the patrol for protection, and no effort will be made to exclude them.

Mr Mellor's remarks made it clear that the Government will not be put in the same position as the United States, which agreed to protect reflagged Kuwaiti tankers — only to be refused permission for American mine-hunting helicopters to land.

He did not mention Kuwait by name, but the fact that the

Government has steadfastly refused to extend the Armilla patrol's field of operations north of Bahrain could be linked to Kuwait's attitude.

The patrol has made regular visits to Oman during its seven years of operations, and its Government has agreed that the minesweepers can use its ports too. It is also understood that two RAF Nimrod maritime reconnaissance aircraft, which were sent to Oman this week, will stay for longer than originally implied. Well informed sources indicate that the "routine exercise" in which the Ministry of Defence says they are participating could last some time.

Oman has close links with both Britain and Iran and clearly wishes to keep both. Sultan Qaboos, who was privately educated in Britain and trained at Sandhurst, came to power in 1970 after a palace coup in which his father, who had opposed national modernization, was deposed. The British helped him to put down a revolt near Oman's border with South Yemen, where discontent among Dhofari tribesmen had been exploited by the Yemenis for Marxist ends. The success of this operation created a fund of pro-British goodwill.

Britain has played a crucial role in the development of Oman's armed forces. Leading officers of both its Navy and Air Force are British, though the Army head is an Omani. Lieutenant-General John Watts is about to retire as Chief of Defence Staff and is expected to be the last Briton to hold the post.

Several hundred other British officers are either seconded or individually contracted to Oman's forces.

There are no British units or bases, but the close links were demonstrated last November in a joint British-Omani military exercise. Six RAF Tornados aircraft flew 4,200 miles non-stop, being re-fuelled seven times in mid-air, to show Britain's capability for rapid strategic deployment beyond Nato territory.

The final supply run of Anita



Debris floating in the Gulf of Oman after the supply vessel Anita (below) was blown up by a mine on Saturday.

Saudis will reopen their sacked embassy in Iran

The top Saudi diplomat in Iran was quoted yesterday as saying that his embassy, ransacked by a mob after Iranian pilgrims died in violence in Mecca on July 31, would reopen soon (Reuters reports).

Iran would also return a diplomat injured in the protest, Mr Marwan Beshir al-Roumi, the Saudi Chargé d'Affaires, told a London-based Saudi newspaper in a telephone interview from Tehran.

The diplomat, Mr Mousaad al-Ghamdi, was hurt when he fell out of a window as demonstrators took over the embassy.

"His physical condition is improving, but his psychological state is very bad," Mr Roumi said. He added that Tehran would also allow the families of the 12 Saudi diplomats in Iran to return to Saudi Arabia.

Saudi Arabia said earlier that all but one of its diplomats had been freed after the embassy occupation and demanded his release.

PARIS: The head of Iran's Red Crescent Society, Mr Vahid Dastgheibi, said yesterday that 412 Iranian pilgrims were killed in Mecca and that another 50 were still missing. Tehran Radio said (AFP reports).

Lonhro named in hostage deal report

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

A report that the chief executive and chairman of Lonhro were attempting to negotiate with the Iranian Government for the release of Mr Terry Waite and other hostages held in Beirut was greeted with scepticism yesterday by Whitehall, Church and business sources.

Mr Roland (Tiny) Rowland, chief executive, and Sir Edward de Caen, chairman and former Conservative MP, were in Tehran last week as the Gulf mines crisis escalated. It was believed their aim was to negotiate a deal to treat Iranian oil at a West German refinery.

But the *Sunday Express* reported that the three-day trip was claimed by French intelligence to have been a mission to free 26 Western hostages, and that Lonhro officials were acting as go-betweens for the Government.

The Foreign Office denied this yesterday and a Lambeth Palace official said no Lonhro representative had been in touch with them. A business source pointed out that it would be out of character, and a Whitehall official indicated that if true it would be unwelcome.

A French magazine, *Le Point*, reports today that Mr Rowland is close to concluding a deal to purchase installa-

tions in West Germany owned by Mobil Oil in order to set up a centre for refining Iranian oil. It comments that the deal will embarrass the Government.

The magazine sees the deal as Mr Rowland's revenge for the Government's decision to allow Egyptian businessman Mr Mohamed al-Fayed and his brother, Mr Ali al-Fayed, to purchase Harrods after Mr Rowland's unsuccessful efforts to acquire the House of Fraser.

COLUMBIA: Dr Robert Runcie, the Archbishop of Canterbury, said on Saturday that he still had no news of Mr Waite, who disappeared in Lebanon on January 20 (AFP reports).

Brief respite for Lavi project



Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Prime Minister (left) and Mr Shimon Peres, the Foreign Minister, waiting glumly for the start of yesterday's crucial Cabinet meeting.

In a rare display of solidarity, Mr Shamir and Mr Peres joined forces yesterday to stop the Cabinet voting to cancel further development of Israel's formidable expensive, state-of-the-art war plane, the Lavi (Ian Murray reports from Jerusalem).

They buried their many political differences when they realized that a narrow majority at yesterday's Cabinet meeting were prepared to vote to scrap the project, which has already cost around \$1.5 billion (\$943,000 million) of American military aid money and which would cost nearly as

much again before it could go into production.

In consequence, the US has been exerting enormous pressure on Israel to abandon the Lavi and to buy instead the tried and tested F 16C.

The two men therefore used their prerogative as leaders respectively of the Likud faction and the Labour alignment inside the coalition Government to avoid any vote, delaying any decision for at least a week and perhaps longer.

Yesterday's seven-hour Cabinet meeting seems to have persuaded a majority of the undecided ministers that there was simply no alternative to scrapping the aircraft. Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Defence Minister and now the most determined opponent of the

project, estimated afterwards that if a vote had been allowed there would have been 13 to 11 in favour of cancellation.

Mr Rabin had argued that the Lavi was eating up all the funds needed for supplying Israel's defence forces with the many other items of modern equipment it needs to face the ever improving technology of the Arab armies. Mr Moshe Nissim, the Finance Minister, served warning that only by increasing taxation and slashing spending on social services, health and education could the extra \$200 million (\$125 million) a year needed for the Lavi be found.

But with their eye on a general election sometime next year, neither party leader was yet prepared to kill a scheme which employs 3,000 men

US peace plan collapses

Washington recalls envoys for talks on Contra aid

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The White House has begun a full re-evaluation of immediate political and diplomatic strategy in central America after the effective collapse of President Reagan's peace initiative of 12 days ago.

All five US envoys to Central America have been summoned to Washington for talks beginning this week on the options now available for ensuring that the Nicaraguan Contras get more money after the American aid ends on September 30.

The sense of confusion and disarray in Washington was heightened by the surprise resignation on Friday of Mr Philip Habib, aged 67, President Reagan's special envoy to Central America, who apparently was furious that he was not consulted about Mr Reagan's peace plan.

He quit after the Administration rejected his call for immediate high-level US involvement in peace talks between Nicaragua and its neighbours.

He had wanted to travel to Central America to commit the US to participation in a separate peace initiative announced 10 days ago by the presidents of Guatemala, Honduras, Costa Rica, El Salvador and Nicaragua.

But Administration officials feared that the gesture would infuriate conservative Republicans, who want Mr Reagan to submit a new Contra military aid request to Congress.

In his weekly radio address on Saturday, President Reagan — clearly seeking to placate conservatives who say he is distancing himself from the Contras — insisted that American support for the rebels must continue until a ceasefire has occurred and a verifiable process of democratization is underway.

The Democratic Party, too, is being forced to re-examine strategy now that Mr Reagan's

Activists arrested

Managua — Sandinista policemen, armed with electric prods and accompanied by albatross dogs, arrested at least six people, including Señor Lino Hernández, executive secretary of the Permanent Commission on Human Rights, and Señor Alberto Saborio of the Conservative Party on Saturday in the Nicaraguan capital (A Correspondent writes).

The arrests were made after the inauguration of the new headquarters of the Democratic Co-ordinating Council, an umbrella opposition group.

plan, which was announced in collaboration with Mr James Wright, Democratic Speaker of the House of Representatives, is for all practical purposes dead.

The White House sent out confusing and conflicting signals all last week about its intentions on requesting further Contra aid. It finally had to give a personal assurance to

Mr Wright late on Friday that it would not submit a request before September 30, the deadline set under the Reagan-Wright peace plan for beginning fundamental political reforms inside Nicaragua.

Mr Wright's aides later expressed satisfaction with the assurance and said that if there were indications of progress towards a ceasefire in Nicaragua, the Democrats would not expect to receive an Administration request for military aid.

Mr Wright took substantial political risks in presenting the plan jointly with Mr Reagan. Aides say he did so because he wanted to appear statesmanlike and that he believed the initiative had a chance.

Mr Reagan's strategy, regarded as shrewd at the time, was more subtle. White House officials were sure that Nicaragua would reject the plan and refuse to negotiate, thus improving the chances of Congressional backing for the Contras, particularly as Mr Wright was party to the initiative.

It was also thought that the plan would confuse — and perhaps scuttle — a meeting of five central American presidents in Guatemala two days later. Instead, they produced a peace plan of their own.

The Administration is playing for time while it tries to sort out the confusion. The Contras appear to have enough money and supplies to carry them well into November.

Aborigines protest over deaths in custody

Five hurt in violent clash with police

From Tony Daboulis, Melbourne

Police reinforcements were yesterday being rushed to the area lock-up on August 6. It was Boney's death which prompted the federal Government to announce last Tuesday that the establishment of a joint federal and state Royal Commission into the deaths of Aborigines in police custody.

Boney was the 17th Aboriginal to die in custody in the past 18 months and the 44th in seven years.

The majority of the deaths have appeared on the surface to have been suicides after drinking bouts.

Saturday night's troubles

started about 10pm when 20 Aborigines started hurling steel beer barrels and bottles at the local hotel and guests who were on the first floor verandah. Seven police arrived and were immediately attacked by Aborigines hurling beer bottles.

The Aborigines retreated through a park pursued by police and then regrouped. Armed with iron bars and more bottles they returned to the fray. In the mêlée, which lasted about 40 minutes, police vehicles were attacked.

The licence of the hotel, Mr Kevin Martin, estimated the

damage at more than \$1,000 dollars (£425).

Despite the fighting on Saturday night there were no arrests. However, a police spokesman, Superintendent Mark Hickson, said that investigations were proceeding and individuals would be charged later.

Brewarrina is an Aboriginal word meaning good fishing. The town has a population of 1,200 and the area has a large number of Aborigines. Like many Outback towns, relations between the whites and the Aborigines are not good.

JOHN COLEMAN

Dismissal threat to black miners as strike front grows

From Nicholas Beeston, Johannesburg

Black miners are being threatened with dismissal as their union attempts to enlist wider support for more stoppages at the start of the second week of South Africa's biggest strike.

At the six worst confrontations last week, at least 180 black miners were injured when police and employers' security officials discharged rubber bullets and buckshot and made baton charges.

Union and police figures indicate that at least 100 people have been arrested, most of them union officials and shop stewards.

On Friday, the executive committee of the National Union of Mineworkers held an emergency session to formulate a strategy against the threatened closure of a colliery and two mines by the Anglo American Corporation.

The three "marginal" operations are threatened with closure by tomorrow, with the loss of nearly 5,000 jobs. But the company announced that, if striking miners returned before the deadline, alternative employment would be found for them.

The Anglo American tactic is the biggest threat yet to the strike's momentum. Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, aged 35, the NUM's secretary-general, who has directed a clever operation against the South African establishment from his offices in central Johannesburg.

The union headquarters — ironically, rented from Anglo American's property division — consists of a handful of telephones, a small team of lawyers, a spokesman and an emergency first-aid service.

The NUM has matched the employers' statement for statement during the dispute,

putting across its account of violent incidents and the strike's effects.

Because none of the companies has allowed journalists to enter the heavily-fortified mining compounds, independent verification of how hard the stoppage has hit has been impossible. The Chamber of Mines, which represents the country's six largest mining houses, concedes that at least 230,000 miners out of 500,000 struck last week. But a survey of the gold and coal mines by a group of academics supports NUM claims that up to 340,000 miners have struck.

A mine-by-mine survey released by the Labour Monitoring Group, yesterday estimated that the three mining houses worst hit, Anglo American, Geestvlei and JCL, had lost at least £30 million in potential profits during the seven-day strike.

Superficially, the strike is a straightforward pay dispute, with the NUM demanding a 30 per cent increase for its members and the chamber offering up to 23 per cent. The average monthly salary for a black miner is £245 at a gold mine and £255 at a coal mine, before tax and deductions for food and accommodation.

Fundamentally, though, the stoppage is regarded as a way of challenging apartheid by targeting South Africa's economy. Gold and coal output account for more than half the country's foreign exchange earnings, and the NUM is now threatening to withdraw labour from diamond, uranium and platinum mines.

Anglo American, which prides itself on its progressive and liberal policies, has taken the brunt of the strike with all its nine gold mines and most of its 13 collieries affected.

In 1984, its chairman, Mr Gavin Rely, led a group of prominent South African businessmen on an historic meeting with the outlawed African National Congress in the Zambian capital, Lusaka.

But in the first week of the miners' strike, corporation executives in charge of gold and uranium operations in Transvaal and Orange Free State have admitted that Anglo American effectively runs a private army of security guards at the mines, equipped with armoured personnel carriers, automatic shotguns, and helicopters, commanded by a retired major-general from the South African Air Force.

Anglo American agrees that one of the root causes for the violence is South Africa's system of migrant labour, where black miners, drawn largely from neighbouring black states and homelands, are contracted to work a year at a mine before returning to their families.

The hardships of living in an all-male hostel and working up to a mile underground in often perilous conditions have done little to ease tensions.

Ironically, Anglo American has been at the forefront among mining companies in recognizing and working with the black union. But the unexpected success of the strike and the NUM's confidence is bound to lead to soul-searching within the company — especially since rival corporations, who do not recognize the union, have been much less affected by the stoppage.

Although the foreign ministers of the Association of South-East Asian Nations yesterday agreed to support a proposal to bring all Cambodian factions and Vietnam together at a peace conference, many difficulties still stand in the way.

After half a day of talks in Bangkok, the foreign ministers of Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, the Philippines and Brunei said they welcomed the idea of an informal meeting to initiate a dialogue between Vietnam and the Cambodians.

The proposal emerged from talks last month between Dr Mochtar Kusumaatmadja, Indonesia's Foreign Minister, and Mr Nguyen Co Thach, the Vietnamese Foreign Minister. The idea was greeted with misgivings by two ASEAN governments, Thailand and Singapore, and by leaders of the anti-Vietnamese resistance.

In an attempt to remove those misgivings, the ASEAN ministers yesterday made it clear that the proposed meeting would begin with talks between the Cambodian factions and that immediately afterwards Vietnam would join the discussions.

Lin Yuerong, from Fuzhou, capital of the coastal province of Fujian, put poison in 1,076 biscuits in a grocery store.

Typhoon alert
Manila (Reuters) — Typhoon Cary roared closer to the northern Philippines less than a week after Typhoon Betty killed 48 people and made 30,000 homeless.

Sudan deaths
Khartoum (Reuters) — About 440 people have died of starvation in Sudan's southern province of Bahr al-Ghazal, the official Sudan News Agency said.

Cleric ousted
Nairobi (AFP) — The Reverend Timothy Njoya has been deposed from the Presbyterian Church of East Africa after a controversial sermon commenting on political issues.

Plane toll up
Munich (AFP) — The death toll after a light plane crashed into a hamburger restaurant rose to eight when a woman, aged 43, died of burns.

Car blast
Tyre, Lebanon (AFP) — Three people died when a car in which they were travelling exploded in a southern area patrolled by the Ghazian contingent of Unifil.

Picnic tragedy
Taipei (AFP) — Twelve people on a picnic next to a picturesque creek are feared dead after being washed away by a freak flood in southern Taiwan.

Youths shot
Tel Aviv (Reuters) — Soldiers shot and wounded three Palestinian youths during anti-Israeli protests in the occupied West Bank.

Hair of the dog
Moscow (Reuters) — Police are using dogs to sniff out illegal liquor production in Soviet Kazakhstan homes.

Takeshita leads in race for leadership

By Michael Dynes

Mr Noboru Takeshita, the general secretary of Japan's governing Liberal Democratic Party, has emerged from the bamboo thicket of Japanese factional politics as the leading contender in the race to succeed the Prime Minister, Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, whose extended term of office expires on October 31.

Mr Takeshita, aged 63, who leads the largest of the LDP's five main factions, now seems likely to gain the support of the Komoto faction, the smallest of the main groups within the party, led by the former Minister of International Trade and Industry, Mr Toshio Komoto.

Mr Takeshita is already believed to be seeking an accommodation with the former Foreign Minister, Mr Shintaro Abe, about setting up an alliance in the voting for the next president of the LDP in October.

It is thought that Mr Abe's support for a Takeshita presidency is contingent on Mr Takeshita's support for an Abe presidency in the next party leadership contest in two years' time.

The emerging three-faction alignment would give Mr Takeshita an overall majority of the LDP's 446 Members of Parliament who vote in the presidential contest, a post that automatically carries the post of prime minister because of the party's majority in the Diet.

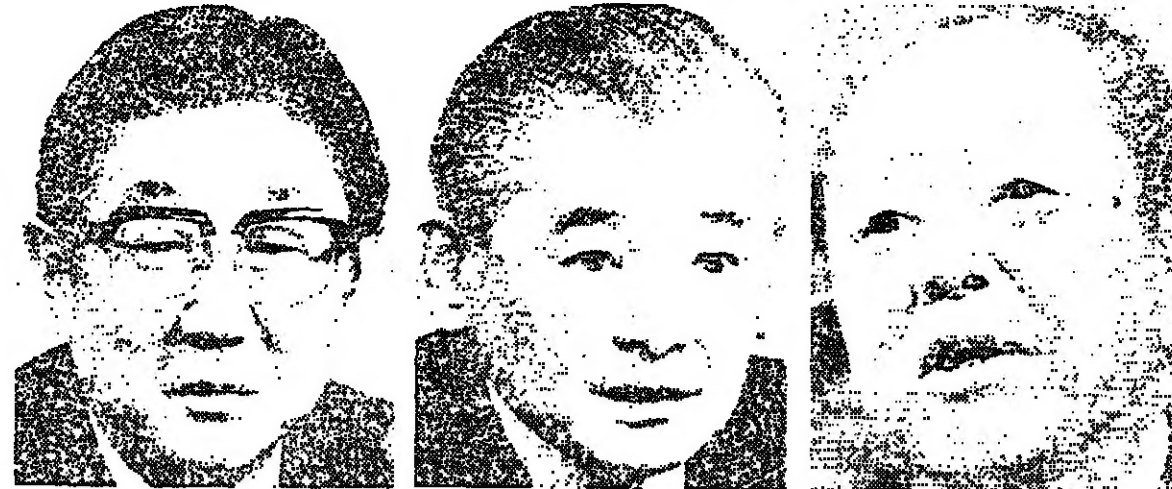
Mr Nakasone, who gained an unprecedented one-year extension of his second two-year term of office after presiding over the LDP's spectacular election victory last year, and who was earlier thought to be seeking a further

extension of his period in office, is now expected to assume the influential role as the party's elder statesman and king-maker.

Traditionally, the main factions of the LDP, which are organized around personalities rather than policies, take turns in providing party leaders through alliances of convenience with other factions, arrived at after a series of tortuous negotiations between faction leaders.

If successful, Mr Takeshita — who inherited the bulk of the Tanaka faction earlier this year — will be the first candidate from that faction to secure the presidency since its founder, Mr Kakuei Tanaka, was forced to resign in disgrace after the Lockheed bribery scandal in 1974.

The three-faction alignment would



Three contenders for Japan's leadership: Mr Shintaro Abe, former Foreign Minister, left; Mr Noboru Takeshita, general secretary of the Liberal Democratic Party, centre; and Mr Kiichi Miyazawa, Finance Minister, right.

also appear to lay to rest the presidential aspirations of the Finance Minister, Mr Kiichi Miyazawa, leader of the LDP's second largest faction, who is the third contender in the presidential contest.

A fourth candidate, Mr Sasumu Nishida, head of a small group of Tanaka loyalists, is unlikely to get the support of the 50 Members of Parliament required to enter the final round of the presidential contest.

All candidates are known to favour increased government spending in order to help ease the economic impact of the yen's 45 per cent appreciation over the past two years.

However, none has openly said so far of appearing to undermine Mr Nakasone's commitment to fiscal austerity, thereby jeopardizing the

prospects of gaining his support in the presidential election.

The new leader will be installed at the party convention on October 31, after a primary election on October 28, at which the party's 1.7 million card-carrying members are eligible to vote, and another election on October 30, restricted to MPs.

Under party rules, however, a primary election is only necessary if there are more than three candidates, which at present seems unlikely.

Although Mr Takeshita is now the leading contender for the party presidency, the election is still more than two months away, leaving ample time for a complete realignment in factional allegiances.

As the Japanese are fond of pointing out: "In politics, one inch ahead is total darkness."

Delhi celebrations fail to arouse national interest

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

India celebrated the fortieth anniversary of its independence at the weekend with much the same sort of mixed emotion as a man might celebrate his fortieth birthday: with a rueful feeling that things are not working as well as they might, but a keen awareness that it is better than the alternative.

A comprehensive programme of festival events failed to arouse much enthusiasm. The official celebrations turned largely into junkets for the faithful of the governing Congress (I) Party, and the high point of the weekend, an address by Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Prime Minister, from the ramparts of the Red Fort in Delhi, was met by enthusiasm among schoolchildren and cynical indifference from journalists.

"The older generation, who fought for independence, has gone," a young Delhi resident said, "and the younger generation... don't feel as passionate about it."

An older Indian intellectual explained his view: "Large scale public participation is cut because of worries about the drought, and because the credibility of this Government is down."

There have also been fears that Sikh separatist terrorists might mark the celebrations with demonstrations of their own. Children have been kept away from many schools in Delhi in the run-up to the festivities.

The Prime Minister referred to many of these concerns during his speech at the Red Fort. The address is an annual affair to celebrate Independence Day by raising the Indian tricolour on the ramparts, as a tribute to Subhash Chandra Bose, leader of the Indian National Army who — during the Second World War — urged his men fighting alongside the Japanese to "March on Delhi, seize the Red Fort and raise the tricolour there."

Mr Gandhi said the Government alone could not solve the problems of the drought, which is afflicting most of northern India as a result of the failure of the monsoon.

He gave assurances, however, that the nation's grain

reserves were full, and said the public distribution system would be strengthened.

He called for support in the fight against terrorism, but cautioned against a backlash against Sikhs.

On the day he was speaking, eight people were killed by terrorists in Punjab, including a village head man, his wife and sons.

Government efforts to deal with the drought seem to be meeting with a typically Indian response. Instead of setting up one committee to deal with the emergency, press reports suggest that the Government is having to set up four, in order to pacify politicians in competition for the patronage that the chairmanship will bring.

The largest-selling newspaper in the country, the English-language *Indian Express*, reported yesterday that nearly 20,000 letters have been addressed to the Swedish Prime Minister urging him to disclose the names of senior Indian figures involved in the "Bofors scandal".

The *Express* is making the most of the fact that money was paid by the Swedish arms firm to Indians in return for a vast contract to supply a field gun to the Indian army. Since Mr Gandhi was Defence Minister at the time, the expectation is that some of the flying mud will stick to him.

But at least one commentator sees the fortunes of the beleaguered Prime Minister turning. The editor of the Bombay-based *Sunday Observer*, Mr Vinod Mehta, reports that Mr Gandhi is looking positively buoyant, and that his supporters are claiming that the Sri Lanka agreement marked the beginning of a new, more confident period for him.



A glum Mr Jim Bolger, leader of the New Zealand National Party, and his wife Joan, watching a television monitor as his Opposition party loses a seat to Labour.

Voters back Lange reforms

From Richard Long, Wellington

New Zealanders broke with their traditional loyalties at the weekend, voting for a continuation of economic reforms and an anti-nuclear policy by returning the Labour Government of Mr David Lange, the Prime Minister, for a second term.

While several seats changed hands and the Opposition National Party won an overall swing of 2.9 per cent, Mr Lange was left with a comfortable 15-seat majority — the same as he held previously.

In an extraordinary twist that would have been unthinkable under previous Labour governments, formerly safe National seats in the stockbroker belts either fell or came closer to falling to Labour, as a large slice of the Tory vote backed Labour's free-market economic reforms.

In Auckland, National lost the previously safe seat of Birkenhead to Labour. The stockbroker-belt seats of North Shore, held by Mr George Cair, the deputy Opposition leader, and Remuera, held by Mr Doug Graham, National's junior finance spokesman, came within a few hundred votes of falling as well.

In Wellington, the previously safe Tory seat of Ohariu, narrowly lost last time because of the effects of a huge third party vote, this time became a safe Labour seat. Fendalton, National's last seat in the largest South Island city

larger Parliament is Labour 56, National 41. In the old Parliament it was Labour 55, National 38, Democrats 20.

"What a remarkable judgment," Mr Lange boomed happily on election night after Mr Jim Bolger, the Opposition leader, had conceded defeat within three hours of the polls closing.

Mr Lange said New Zealanders had "broken the mould" of traditional voting patterns. He pledged to continue the economic reforms

which have opened up the previously tightly-regulated economy and to maintain the ban on visits by nuclear-armed and nuclear-powered warships, which has led to New Zealand's effective suspension from the Azzus alliance with the United States and Australia.

Despite Labour's success, however, there was a clear warning for the Government in the average swing of 6 per cent recorded against Cabinet ministers — 6.7 per cent in fact against both Mr Lange and Mr Douglas, the Finance Minister, in their traditionally Labour-held south Auckland electorates.

In the depressed provincial city of Wanganui, hard-hit by the closure of a railways workshop, Mr Russell Marshall, the Education Minister, is now on a knife-edge election-night majority of 27, with his future uncertain until the counting of special votes.

Mr Jim Anderson, the outspoken Labour backbencher and former party president, said this anti-Cabinet vote was a clear warning to the Government that it was on probation.

Both National and Labour increased their share of the vote because of the demise of the third parties. Labour took 47.4 per cent of votes cast, up 4.6 per cent, and National 44.6 per cent, up 8.7 per cent.

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America's summer of Russian roulette

From Charles Bremner, New York

It has been a bad summer for worrying in America. As well as the usual list of things to fear, such as nuclear war and constipation, a whole string of new threats to life and happiness have appeared.

Almost nowhere and no activity seems safe any more. We are not talking about sky-diving or other perilous activities such as sex; danger lurks in going to the seaside or sitting at home with the door shut.

By venturing outside, the informed American must now confront a whole range of grisly ends that he was once unaware of. Apart from pollution and car accidents, he now has killer bees and pit-bull terriers.

Vicious super-bees are said to delight in unprovoked assaults. But they are still making their way up from the South, so they have not yet sent the New York media into overdrive. Dogs are another matter.

Though one of them has been loved for decades in the guise of Nipper on the RCA record label — like His Mas-

ter's Voice — the pit-bull has suddenly emerged as a ferocious killer that makes the doberman or abasian a cuddly lap-dog in comparison. Politicians are calling for bans as every day brings fresh reports of the breed's rampages. Owners are being savaged and the dog is said to be used by criminals.

Then there are the new terrors of transport. Taking the car can mean having to dodge bullets from irate fellow motorists, at least if you live in Los Angeles or one of the other big cities where the fashion for highway gunning is said to be catching on. Four people have been killed in Los Angeles and six wounded. A New York imitator was jailed this week.

Taking a plane is no solution. Americans are no longer flying with the old belief that you are safer in the air than on the road. Blood-chilling near misses and a few real hits involving small planes have, for more nervous citizens, turned the choice of airline into a form of Russian roulette. The head of the government safety board says a disaster is about to happen because the skies are

over-crowded and the airlines overstretched.

At least in a plane or a car you do not have to worry about the sun. Tanning is definitely out, after a barrage of warnings from experts about the dangers of ultra-violet radiation. President Reagan's Interior Secretary, Mr Donald Hodel, made matters worse a couple of months ago, by suggesting that citizens could escape the dangers of the depletion of the ozone layer by wearing hats and sunglasses when they venture out.

As for going for a swim — don't even think about it, as they say in New York. Just when people thought it was safe to go back into the water, *Jaws* — *The Revenge* was released, reviving shark-phobia. But that is not all. *The Wall Street Journal* pronounced on its front page last Thursday that though sharks get the attention, we have all missed a far graver menace. This is...

the killer wave.

The *Journal's* serious report said that scientists had identified the causes of 100-ft rogue waves which had throughout the ages been sweeping everything from individual swim-

mers to ocean liners to their destruction.

So the only safe bet for the health-conscious American might seem to be staying indoors and indulging in what hip sociologists call "cocooning" with his video machines. But not so fast. First, everyone now knows that there is a big risk in doing nothing except watching the television. You turn into a newly-recognized therapy case, the couch potato.

But worse, the guardians of the nation's health have found radon gas. Invisible and odorless, this menace is radioactive, seeps up from the ground and can cause cancer. The apparent reason it has suddenly become a hazard is the highly efficient home insulation that Americans are now using.

The Environmental Protection Agency is sending out teams of radon-busters to some of the eight million homes it believes may be at risk.

No wonder Americans are flocking back to Europe this summer. Abu Nidal pales beside the menaces of suburban life.

Falklands propose fishing ground talks with Argentina and Uruguay

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

Stanley. They deal strictly with fishing, and their scope is narrower than Mr Blake's proposal.

The Foreign Office wants to obtain agreement on avoiding military clashes in disputed fishing waters, but Mr Blake

Mr Tony Blake, a Falklands' councillor, said yesterday that it was the first time such a suggestion had come from the islands. He raised it in a speech to the United Nations Decolonization Committee on Friday and was later approached by an Argentinian official to clarify it.

Mr Blake emphasized that the proposed talks would cover fishing, not sovereignty.

Even so, the proposal marks an important departure. Until now the 1,900 islanders have been worried that any links between Britain and Argentina could lead to a loss of sovereignty.

Even indirect contacts between Whitehall and Argentina via the US State Department, which have been under way since January, have been viewed suspiciously in

same time they were attempting to exploit the rivalry between Britain and Argentina by telling each side that its licence fees were too high. The talks would aim to bring the uncontrolled area under multilateral management.

Mr Blake, who has represented the islands seven times before UN committees, did not have a formal mandate from the islands' legislature for his proposal, but said meetings with other council members had shown there was a consensus.

Flushed with success after tripling their government budget in one year through fishing income, the islanders now feel increasingly confident over taking a role in their own foreign policy. Mr Blake said if the talks went ahead, the islanders would want to be represented on the British delegation.

In his UN speech he raised the possibility of "a concerted drive for increased autonomy within the British sphere of influence."

At the crossroads of belief

ISLAM



IN BRITAIN

The extremist image of Islam conveyed from the Gulf is markedly different from its realities and complexities in Britain, where more than one million Muslims live in what has amounted to a hidden society. That is changing, as Clifford Longley reports in a series on the religion emerging from the shadows

Right down the spine of England, from the industrial cities of the North to the capital, there are major communities whose struggles for survival and identity are almost wholly hidden from the knowledge and understanding of the rest of society.

Muslims in Britain live in "hidden Britain", a world within a world, with unfamiliar languages and social codes, uneasily transplanted from far away and long ago, poised between wanting what Britain offers and rejecting it all as barbarism. And this is the decade in which it has stirred, and begun to emerge from its hiddenness.

The impact of a million or more Muslims will henceforth affect everyone, Muslim or not. Conversely, the impact of British culture is already beginning to challenge and transform Islam.

In short, the two are beginning to come to terms with one another. And it is the specifically religious identity of the Muslim communities which is becoming their sharpest, most enduring characteristic. They are gradually refusing to be bracketed with other dark-skinned Britons as "black", claiming instead their identity as Muslims, and

they are gradually losing their national first generation feeling of being immigrants. They are being fused into something unique, extraordinary and new: British Islam.

It is as yet too young to define itself too differently from world Islam, however, and powerful interests in the rest of the Muslim world see it as an ideological battlefield. Thus the leader of one of the groups contending for leadership of the Muslim community in Britain, Dr Zaki Badawi, believes Libyan financial help is necessary, to offset Saudi Arabian influence, if the Muslim community is to integrate with British society. "The Saudis want to isolate the community. They will only support groups close to their school of Islam, like the Deobandis."

At least a third and possibly even half the Muslims in Britain were born here, almost all since the early Sixties. Even the most sanguine of the Muslim leaders in Britain admit that there is no guarantee that they will want to be orthodox Muslims at all, and how the generational change is handled will be crucial.

"A new agenda is in the process of being written as young Muslims begin to make their presence felt," according

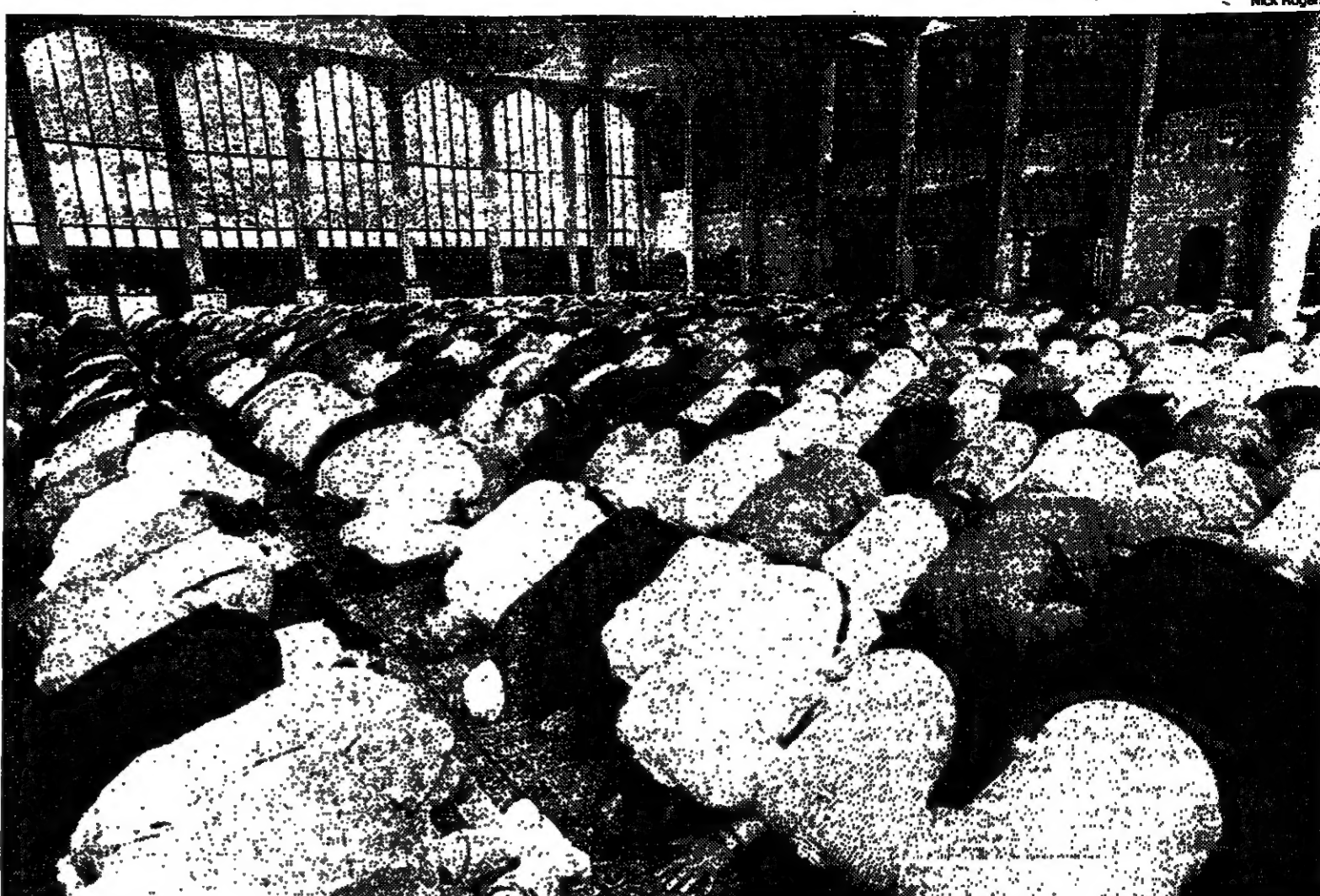
to Jorgen Nielsen, lecturer in Islam at the Birmingham Centre for the Study of Islam. "This implies changes in the ways in which Muslim identity is expressed, as well as in areas of social life in which Muslims expect to be active as Muslims."

Research shows that a "radical new formulation of Islamic ideals" is under way among younger Muslim women in Britain. Some question their traditional sex-roles, as well as traditional customs on dress and arranged marriages.

Nielsen says that "it may be expected that the basic Islamic principles identified through this process will, in turn, lead to new cultural forms of expressing Islamic identity."

Of all the major influences competing and conflicting to mould the slowly-emerging shape of British Islam, the most dramatic is the rise of Qur'anic fundamentalism, or more accurately Qur'anic puritanism. But already the British version of this worldwide phenomenon is beginning to look rather different from the alien and threatening image of Khomeini's Revolutionary Guards, or of public whipping or amputation for transgression of the Islamic penal code.

Nielsen finds that some



The heart of the matter: Muslims pray five times a day at Regent's Park mosque, which is the "showpiece" of more than 300 throughout Britain

younger Muslims, inspired by the Qur'an, are beginning to try to separate the essentials of the faith from its cultural and historical accretions. They question their parents' set ways and believe that under the impact of Western culture, Islam must bend or it will break; and to see how far it can bend while staying true to itself, they must go back to fundamentals. Centuries of Muslim tradition have been weakened in one generation, largely because of the nature of the immigration of the Sixties and the Seventies—but also because it is seen to be irrelevant.

In the streets of Bradford or Birmingham, the traditional way of life of Bengal or the Punjab can mean very little. At the more intellectual level, generations of Islamic scholarship have not been successfully transferred to Britain, and many British Muslims have therefore had to explore their faith for themselves.

This is throwing Muslims back on to the bare text of the Qur'an, to interpret it afresh, which raises the basic question about the nature of the Qur'an: is it literally true, and literally binding in every detail, or can it be interpreted

and developed in the light of modern conditions? It is said that all over Britain, younger Muslims meet regularly to struggle with such questions.

One of the deepest divisions in Muslim Britain is between the generations, those born in Britain and immigrants. For the latter Britain is forever foreign; for those who have known nowhere else, it is home. It is they who will fashion a new Islamic culture for themselves, their own blend of Islam and Britishness, or will they see it slip under the control of foreign Muslim interests?

The first wave of Muslim immigrants into Britain was mainly young, poor, ill-educated and male. But Britain's immigration policy allowed in women, children and other relatives. And from such communities springs community expression — especially a demand for mosques, of which there are now approaching 350.

First-generation British Islam is still struggling with the exported political and religious rivalries of its numerous countries of origin; there are, for example, two major "denominations" of Islam in

the British-Pakistani community, the Barelwi, which opposes the Zia government, and the Deobandi, which is more sympathetic.

And it is important to remember that British Islam is essentially Asian, not Arab, which gives it a wary relationship with the Gulf oil states.

But British Muslims are acutely conscious of the dangers of importing divisions which could undermine their efforts to develop a truly native version of Islam on British soil.

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Early rising on the home front

The alarm clock rang at 4.30am and, as usual, it was Purveen who answered its summons. In the bathroom of the family's three-bedroom, terraced house in Southall, Middlesex, she embarked on the ritual of wudu, cleaning teeth, nose, mouth, ears, hands and forearms and, lastly, her feet. Ready now to perform the *Fajr* prayer, she returned to the bedroom, faced towards the shrine of Kaaba in Mecca, made her *Niyah* — the announcement of her intention to pray — read a paragraph from the Qur'an and prostrated herself to Allah.

With a great deal of door banging, shouting and cajoling, Purveen succeeded in raising daughters Amberin and Zarrin, sons Saad and Yousef and, last of all, her husband from the depths of their slumbers.

As an architect with Ealing borough council, Ghayas Syed was not due at work until after nine o'clock and, left to themselves, his family would not be disposed to such spectacular early rising. Indeed, within an hour of the alarm ringing, all of them were back in bed and sound asleep.

Like all devout Muslims, however, the Syeds adhere rigidly to the timetable of prayers which is the centrepiece of their faith. There would be four more prayer sessions to be slotted into the Syed family schedule during the day.

While Saad, 15, and Yousef, 14, watched breakfast television, Zarrin, 18, dutifully waited upon her father's needs and 19-year-old Amberin handled the first lengthy phone call of a typical teenager's social schedule. Purveen sat at her husband across the table, silently mouthing her hour-long recitation from the Qur'an.

Ghayas, then a 21-year-old graduate from a Unesco college in Ankara, Turkey, came to England to work as an architect in 1960. Six years later, he married the girl chosen by his parents, whom he met for the first time at the wedding ceremony.

The family reckons it has integrated pretty well. A trustee of his mosque, Ghayas regularly attends the meetings of a local inter-faith organization, "where we try to break down the barriers and alleviate the apprehension which tends to divide people of different beliefs and backgrounds". The younger generation



Hidden but happy: Amberin Syed feels more keenly the difficulty in tailoring an Islamic inheritance to a British way of life. "The two don't really blend at all," admits Amberin, "and really almost everything we do is a compromise. Take food, for instance. We can't eat pork or any bi-product of pork, which includes animal fat or anything made from animal fat. So, although we often like to eat Western food like hamburgers and fish and chips, we have to make sure what it contains."

Despite their apparently greater social restrictions both daughters insist that Islam is not a patriarchal code and laughingly dismiss the suggestion that they would rather have been boys.

Amberin and Zarrin help their mother in the kitchen, preparing the family's lunch and evening meal. In the afternoon Purveen had a pair of curtains to sew while the boys watched TV and, after shopping, Zarrin practised her hobby of calligraphy. Amberin read — an Agatha Christie mystery. In their separate moments, none of them forgot to slip away to their rooms for *Zuhur* prayers.

At 5.30 Ghayas returned and, first, performed his own devotions before it was too late. Was it difficult to combine Eastern religion with the Western workaday schedule?

"Not at all. It was just that the conference room, which I usually use for my prayers, was taken up all day for a meeting. Normally there is no problem."

William Greaves

TOMORROW

Bradford: portrait of a community under stress

A ROLL CALL OF UK ISLAMIC GROUPS

● Union of Muslim Organizations (UMO): Set up the first Council of Mosques in Britain. Run by Dr Syed Fasha, an Indian from Hyderabad. Originally subsidized by Saudi Arabia, and subsequently by Iraq, it helped build the Saddam Hussein Mosque in Birmingham. Dr Fasha says he is neither Deobandi nor Barelwi, and wishes to see them reconciled.

● World Muslim League: Set up to unite Muslims by the former Saudi ruler, King Faisal. Its British branch has received millions of pounds from the Saudi government and has distributed much of it to mosques in Britain through its own Council of Mosques, which was set up in direct opposition to UMO's council.

● UK Council of Imams and Mosques: Set up as a power base by Dr Zaki Badawi, former director of the Regent's Park mosque, and Mr Syed Syedatullah, trustee of the Wembley mosque and Islamic centre. Established with the help of Libyan funds.

● World Sufi Council: Becoming increasingly influential in Britain, largely because of the personality and wealth of its leader, Dr Sheikh Shams El Deen Al Fassi.

● Islamic Council of Europe: Regarded by other Muslim groups as the "Islamic jet set" because its leaders travel to international conferences. Backed by Saudi Arabia; its general secretary, Mr Salim Azam, is a former career diplomat in the Saudi foreign service. It has no basis of popular support in Britain.

● World Islamic Mission: Based on the Jamiat Ul-Uluma opposition party in Pakistan; its president is the party's leader, Maulana Noorani. Mainly supported by the Barelwi sect.

● UK Islamic Mission: The embodiment in Britain of the Riyadh-Islamabad axis, the link between the governments of Saudi Arabia and Pakistan.

It backs both governments. Mainly supported by the Deobandi sect.

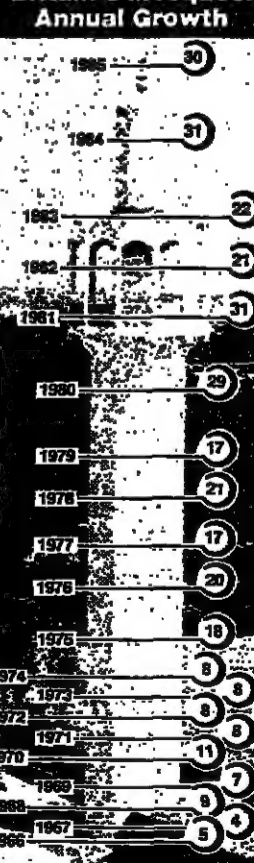
● Islamic Cultural Centre: Attached to the London Central Mosque (Regent's Park), Britain's main Muslim headquarters, sometimes said to be the Muslim "Canterbury Cathedral."

● Islamic Guidance Society: Growing religious group which has Imam Omar al-Osmani as its secretary.

● Muslim League: Planned by Dr H.A. Fatma, as a political party to represent all Muslims, whatever their sect.

● Muslim Institute: Backs Ayatollah Khomeini.

Britain's Mosques: Annual Growth



There were 13 mosques in Britain before 1966. Now the total has risen to 338

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IRISH DIARY

John Young

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The rapport between the Irish Prime Minister, Charles Haughey, and Margaret Thatcher seems to extend to a shared enthusiasm for privatization. To howls of protest from opposition parties and trade unions, the Fianna Fáil government is proposing to sell off £3 million of state-owned forests to the private sector, and there are suggestions that the telephone service, the Electricity Supply Board, the state-owned Irish Life Building Society, the Great Southern chain of hotels and the second national television channel, RTE-2, may follow. The government believes that the potential receipts of up to £2,800 million from their sale would go a long way towards paying off the crippling national debt. Michael Higgins, the Labour party chairman, describes the move as "outrageous and dishonest". One observer has borrowed a familiar sounding phrase about "selling the family silver".

Fish v farms

The leaders of Ireland's two most important industries, farming and tourism, have been rowing over the pollution of salmon rivers. Within a matter of days a 20-mile stretch of the Barrow has been contaminated by pig slurry; fish are reported to have been wiped out from four tributaries of the Boyne, and visitors abandoned the Blackwater when at least 100 salmon were killed by a chemical spill. Chris Kane of the Irish Tourist Board accused his countrymen of "criminal complacency" in tolerating the pollution. In particular he questioned farmers' readiness to put their house in order. The Irish Farmers' Association at first described Kane's comments as inaccurate. But later its president, Joe Rea, promised to "lean on" offenders.

British MPs, accused of giving themselves too much time off, can ease their consciences by comparing themselves with their Irish counterparts. Condensing the Dail for laziness, a Dublin newspaper observes that after the last election it sat only 41 days before deciding it needed 112 days off.

Drug aid

An "incredible gesture" by the British embassy has saved a voluntary group fighting drug addiction among the young in Dublin. On Friday the ambassador, Nicholas Fenn, presented Community Action on Drugs with a cheque for £14,000 and the British owners of the group's premises agreed to waive a year's rent. Gráinne Kenny, the group's administrator, praised the British generosity and denounced her countrymen's indifference. An embassy official explained that the Foreign Office had a certain amount of money available for charitable purposes overseas. "We thought this organization was an appropriate recipient."

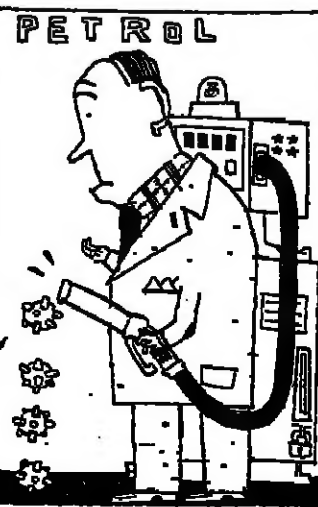
Smaller splash

Since few nations venerate sporting success more than the Irish, it might be thought that the first victory by an Irish yachtsman in the 32-year history of the Fastnet race might merit the sort of hero's acclaim given to Stephen Roche for his victory in the Tour de France. Not so. *The Irish Press* could not find space for it in five pages of sport, and *The Irish Times* rather sniffily observed that although the yacht had achieved the best handicapped time it would not be recorded as the winner since it carried the name of a commercial sponsor. What was that name? That of Dublin's third daily newspaper, the *Irish Independent*, which splashed the story over its front page.

Clan clash

The O'Connors, who claim to be Europe's oldest family, able to trace their ancestry back to AD 400, are split asunder. Irish clan gatherings are held every few years, with more than half an eye to tempting well-heeled kinsfolk from the US to come and spend money in the Old Country. But next year there are to be two rallies, one at the ancient family seat of Clonallis in Roscommon, and the other in a ruined castle in Kerry. Denis O'Connor, who styles himself the O'Connor Don and who claims descent from the kings of Connaught, says the Kerymren are upstarts. Rory O'Connor, a barrister and journalist, who leads the Kerry faction, accuses the Don of presumption.

BARRY FANTONI



Poland: autumn of unrest?

by Jonathan Luxmoore

Sullen calm has settled over Poland, giving the impression that the stalemate between government and opposition is likely to persist. But by autumn several factors may combine to create instability once again.

Since last September's political amnesty and the June 1986 initiative to appease Polish public opinion, only one — the establishment of a new consultative council as a channel for ostensibly independent views — has emerged. But with even the government's moderate opponents declining to participate because of the lack of firm guarantees, even this has proved a disappointment.

The effect of the sharp price rises imposed in March — widely regarded as an attempt to encourage greater economic self-interest — will also have filtered through. The assumption that pay would later be increased helped to calm reaction, but the government now insists that pay increases will not be possible.

It has backed this up with strict measures to ensure that factory and enterprise managers observe the ruling and has even hinted that new price rises may be necessary. Most Poles will be poorer. With persistently bad weather producing the first poor harvest since 1981, food will also be scarce.

The government has permitted relative freedom within the established structures of power, ensuring a certain stability. But although workers are divided by wage differentials and there is uncertainty among the intellectuals, opposition remains widespread and well organized. The Poles are aware that without dependable legal and institutional guarantees their relative freedom is no more than provisional. At any moment it could be restricted or denied.

The government's short-term strategy of survival has not helped the economy. Poland needs more than \$4.5 billion just to service its steadily rising foreign debt. Despite the lifting of US sanctions last February, and a slow trickle of Western credits, little improvement is expected. Serious economic restructuring would require further sacrifices from everyone.

The grave social and moral problems afflicting Hungary, the only East European country to have begun a full-scale programme of economic reform, have led many to doubt the wisdom of such a policy. With rumours of plans to extend Soviet control over the East European econo-

mies, further directing Poland's foreign trade eastward, scepticism runs deep.

The Polish government hoped to use the Pope's recent visit to create an atmosphere of conciliation, to foster the impression that its own pledges of reform and liberalization were genuine, and the post-Solidarity process of "normalization" well advanced. It also expected the Pope's words and gestures to bolster its flagging legitimacy. Yet the unexpected stridency of the Pope's statements, and the fact that millions turned out to applaud them, have highlighted more than ever the profound paradox in which Poland now finds itself.

The government wanted to present Poland as a country in which people at least accept the present situation, with the church co-operating closely with the authorities, says one prominent opposition figure. "But the Pope made it clear that the church is sticking to its principles, which are quite different from those of the party. It was obvious that Polish society has not accepted the situation".

For the time being at least, even the church, erstwhile mediator in

the state's conflict with society, appears to have hardened its position. On this point, the Pope set the record straight. He rebuffed rumours of a secret church-state agreement, and the most widely publicized project — the establishment of formal diplomatic ties between Poland and the Vatican — was effectively scotched. The Vatican, the Pope reaffirmed, enjoys relations not with states but with nations, and no high-level administrative relationship could be cemented which did not take full account of the interests and aspirations of the people.

The Pope also urged that the surviving spirit of Solidarity be used, and not simply allowed to lie fallow indefinitely. Many Poles have chosen to interpret this as an appeal for a more active stance, and hope that the renewed sense of unity and confidence which the Pope's presence helped to stimulate can be put to practical use while it lasts. The years of stalemate and inertia have generated in many quarters a feeling of guilt which the Pope's words did little to dispense. There is also a feeling in the Polish air that the time may now have come for society to respond in some way.

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Bernard Levin: the way we live now

Adding lawsuit to injury

If you have any shares in the California Savings and Loan Bank, sell them now.

Its Oakland branch was recently robbed, but my advice is not based on a consideration of the losses incurred in the hold-up, which were no doubt easily sustained. My feeling that your grandmother's life savings would be more happily accommodated in the Moonbeams from Cucumbers Corporation comes not from what has already happened, but from what is shortly going to.

First, the facts. A criminal, Daniel Candelario by name, held up the bank in question and got away with a substantial quantity of dollars. What he did not know, but discovered very soon after fleeing from the bank with his loot, was that this enterprising establishment has devised a novel deterrent for robbers: the money was handed over without demur, but it had been booby-trapped. As Mr Candelario ran down the street, the bundle of banknotes stuffed into his trouser pockets began first to emit tear-gas, then to ooze an indelible purple dye, and finally to catch fire, set off by a miniature incendiary device.

Mr Candelario was first startled, then appalled, then — literally — pained; before he managed to get the bundle of cash out of his pocket and throw it away, he sustained (according to his account) some unpleasant burns to what should there be ladies reading this, I must call his generative parts.

So far so good. A dangerous criminal, escaping with his stolen booty, is caught red-handed (well, not red-handed, I suppose; most of us would applaud his capture, agree that his blunders served him right, and think that the sentence he got for his crime, which was eight years' imprisonment, was by no means too severe.

But this, I remind you, was in the United States; and in California, too. From the hogswog, Mr Candelario has issued writs against the bank, demanding two million dollars as recompense for the disagreeable experience he had while engaged in his crime.

You will now have to talk seriously to your grandmother, who will dismiss your fears for her nest-egg by saying that there is not the slightest chance that Mr Candelario's suit will succeed. Hit her with this.

Not long ago, in the United States, a burglar who had climbed on to the roof of a house, with the sole (and admitted) intention of robbing it, fell through a skylight and was injured. Shortly afterwards, the house-owners found themselves obliged to pay him a seven-figure sum awarded by a



court as suitable compensation for his aching bones, and the court wasn't even a Californian one.

It might, however, have been a Scottish one. A few months ago, a prisoner with convictions for violent crime sued the government for injuries received when, in the course of an attempted jailbreak (from Peterhead), he was knocked off the wall he was scaling by a well-aimed brick launched by a warder. He got £35,000.

Until that judgment, we could have been fairly confident that Mr Candelario, had he come before a court in this country, would have been non-suited. His rejection would be based on two very important legal principles. The first is *volenti non fit injuria*. If I can recover damages from the cutlery manufacturer, if Mr Candelario had not stolen the money at gunpoint, it would have done him no harm, and the harm it did do him he brought upon himself. The second legal rule says that "He who comes into equity must come with clean hands" (memorably paraphrased by the judge in one of A.P. Herbert's *Misleading Cases* as "The dirty dog will get no dinner here"); the villain in this case deserves neither sympathy nor compensation, for his hands are by no means clean, and they were dirtied, moreover, in the course of the very business for which he now demands to be paid.

The increasing propensity of American judges and juries to award gigantic sums in damages is truly disturbing. First, because the sums, even when the plaintiff's claim has been made out, have become preposterous; second,

because huge amounts have been awarded in cases with plaintiffs who did not deserve a red cent, either in law or in common sense, because the harm they suffered was deliberately and knowingly done by themselves.

But it is the third result of the new attitude displayed by the American legal system — and now, apparently, by British courts as well — that is the most disturbing. If Mr Candelario gets away with it — even if he wins the case but is awarded only token damages — it will mark another milestone along the road to the abandonment of all concern for the principle of responsibility. True, this is a particularly flagrant case; a thief wants to be given money because the owners of the goods he stole took precautions designed to ensure that he would be caught. But cases less lurid, yet involving plaintiffs no more deserving, have been decided on the principle that no one must be held responsible for his own discomfort, loss or failure, even when it is apparent that he brought these on himself.

Here, as I have repeatedly pointed out, that principle now runs through virtually the whole of social policy, from welfare to education and from health to personal finance. It is, obviously, the other half of the Nanny State; nanny will pick you up and dry your tears, but the price is giving nanny plenary power to direct every aspect of your life.

The American courts seem to have adopted this dangerous and damaging exchange as a central principle; our own courts, though they have resisted it for a long time, now seem reluctant to hold out as an island where people are

held to account for the intended or foreseeable consequences of their actions, if only because that island is now set in a sea where concepts of fault, blame and responsibility have been so attenuated that they can hardly be said to exist.

And that sound you just heard was another bit of the island's cliffs sliding into the sea.

Mr Robert Atkinson and his wife were divorced in 1982. He paid £30,000 for a dwelling for her, bought her a car, made a lump sum over to her and agreed regular maintenance payments. She subsequently embarked upon a relationship with another man, and they are now living together, presumably in the home her former husband bought for her. But when he went to court to be relieved of the maintenance payments, he lost the case, because although the couple are cohabiting, and have been doing so for four years, they have not married. (When he took his case to appeal, the Appeal Court judges upheld the decision.)

Mr Atkinson, no less astonished than aggrieved at the result, has been calling it "ridiculous and without a shred of logic". So it is; but it is ominous as well. The former Mr Atkinson's live-in is being kept by her former husband, who thinks the live-in should take over the responsibility. The live-in, and the lady, apparently do not see it that way. That does not surprise me; but that the courts should have the same view does. Is it too fanciful for me to think that the Atkinson case is a step on the road to the Candelario one? Well, I fancy it won't be for long.

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The new Parliament in a nutshell

The *Times Guide to the House of Commons* has established itself as an authoritative reference to each general election and new Parliament. The series dates back to 1880 and the latest volume follows many of the guidelines established over previous years.

The greater part of its 350 pages is taken up with detailed constituency results, including brief biographical details of candidates, photographs of MPs, election turn-out and swing from 1983. The guide also presents a breakdown of voting for each region, city and county, then by-elections of the 1983 Parliament, lists of retiring and defeated MPs, and the main party manifestos in full.

In recent volumes the authors have added articles which reflect the more sophisticated sociological discussion of elections in the press. An innovation in the 1987 guide is a solid piece on opinion polls by Robert Worcester of MORI. He modestly omits to mention that MORI's final poll published in *The Times* on election day was the closest to the result of any polling organization.

Much interest will centre on the analysis by David Butler and Robert Walker of the political and sociological significance of the election. They point to the "superlucously large margins of victory" for Labour in many seats. It now holds the 28 safest seats in Britain.

Butler and Walker also suggest that "problems of legitimacy and consensus must arise" because there are so few Conservative seats in Scotland and Wales. But if the Tories' 57 per cent share of seats for 43 per cent of the vote is an artefact of the electoral system, so is their poor representation in Scotland and Wales. Labour (the so-called party of Scotland) is even more scandalously over-represented. It has 57 per cent of Scottish seats for only 35 per cent of the vote, and 52 per cent of Welsh seats for 37.5 per cent of the vote. Those who live by the first-past-the-post system die by it.

The authors argue that the election was less a battle between the North and the South than between the haves and have-nots. This judgement understates the cumulative impact of changes in seats and votes in recent elections, which have produced a sharp political and geographical division. It also misrepresents the 1987 election, which saw London and the South swing Tory by 0.1 per cent, but the Midlands (0.6 per cent), North (3.6 per cent) and Scotland (5.9 per cent) swing to Labour. In other words, the sharper the north-south divide, the sharper is the move to Labour.

The guide reports the election of a record number (four) of black MPs and women MPs (41). It does not note the record low number of septuagenarians (five) in the new House. Indeed, notably absent from this volume are tables of the age, education and previous occupation of MPs.

The book provides the usual list of the most marginal seats held by each party. It is interesting to note that only two seats are held by majorities of 100 votes or less, and 24 by 1,000 votes or less. After the 1959 election when, coincidentally, the Conservatives also had an overall majority of 101, the numbers of seats in each category were eight and 43. Fewer seats now change hands for any given movement of votes, compared with the 1950s and 1960s. The electoral system at present is working to stabilize the party system.

Rival studies suggest how the guide might provide a better service next time. It should contain clues about the location of seats (who can readily find Wealden, Westwight, or Waveney on a map). It might also cull the census data for information about patterns of housing tenure, employment and the social class mix for each seat. Robert Walker's *The Almanac of British Politics* does something of this in a readable form.

The potted biography of each member might also do more than cover education, previous seats fought and political offices held. Beside the picture of a sombre,

lantern-jawed member for Lintith-gow the seven lines of biography do not tell us that Tam Dalyell is the terror of Question Time and the obsessive seeker after truth about the Belgrano.

Below Dalyell there is a picture of a fat-faced, rather smug gentleman. We read that he was a member of Sandridge parish council 1961-73, and has held various other worthy posts. We do not learn that Geoffrey Dickens is a source of alleged child abusers, a much-quoted right-wing populist and, in earlier days, liked afternoons for Dave Nellist, Tony Field and Pat Wall do not refer to their far-left political associations. The book could do more to assist our understanding of the behaviour and attitudes of MPs.

The publishers deserve congratulations for the speed of publication, and the single-column entry for each member is an improvement on the double-column entries. The amount of solid information and statistical analysis makes this an important source for anyone interested in current affairs and British politics.

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Humbug behind the headlines

Of all the vices to which my colleagues in journalism are most opposed, none is more hateful to them than hypocrisy. Diligently they seek it out in high places, always looking for politicians, bishops and judges whose practice does not come up to their principles. It seems to me, however, that, in the matter of the Peter Wright case, some journalists are displaying hypocrisy on a scale which is almost incredible.

Let me put the case plainly: their current argument is that, because Peter Wright's book has been published in America, and its contents are now widely known, the case for preventing its publication, or the publication of extracts from it, in Britain has collapsed. Wright's book was published in America on July 14. Already on April 27 *The Independent* had incurred an accusation of criminal contempt by publishing extracts from it. The cat was not yet out of the bag, or at any rate not all of it.

The Independent, it seems to me, acted on the principle that it was jolly well going to publish anything which the courts had not specifically forbidden it to publish. Since then, legal argument seems to have concentrated largely on whether an injunction against a particular newspaper restraining it from publishing specific material must be taken as applying to all newspapers. Legal technicalities apart, it would seem extremely strange to have a system under which the Attorney-General could prevent *The Observer* and *The Guardian* from publishing something while allowing *The Independent* to publish it.

The truth of the matter is surely that some British newspapers (notably not this one) have from the start wanted to publish Peter Wright, regardless of the consequences. Much of this talk about cats having been irredeemably let out of bags is a load of baloney. The demand in the case of many who make it is really for the right to publish anything.

To ask the courts to accept the proposition that an injunction can be rendered null and void by the simple act of defying it is to ask them to accept an absurdity. Everything the Attorney-General has done seems to me to be absolutely right, and the reasoning of the majority of the Law Lords in the case seems to me to be an example not of legal pedantry but of sheer common sense.

I would go so far as to defend the judicial decision to extend the injunction to cover the reporting in this country of proceedings in the Australian courts (other than the reporting of the judgment). The Attorney-General did not seek this injunction, and its grant is a grant of possibly embarrassing which it was intended to anticipate (though never realized) was

that defence counsel in Australia might have read large extracts from the book in open court, thereby ensuring their publication.

Even now, the arguments in favour of the Lords' judgment are invulnerable. Admittedly, a great deal of irretrievable damage has been done; but there is still the chance of preventing it from being repeated. All Mr Wright's profits should, of course, be confiscated; so, in logic, should such parts of newspaper profits as may be established to have derived from the illicit reproduction of parts of his work. Measures of this kind are already being contemplated.

But one must also bear in mind the effect on other members of the security services of Mr Wright's revelations, and the effect on the general morale of the service. At the worst, the government can be accused of "overkill" in its handling of his whole affair, and that would be a very small offence, if you intend to appropriate the profits of a book, it seems reasonable, and indeed humane, to try to prevent it from being published. Let us now bring the matter back to reality — a dimension which some journalists seldom occupy. The world is full of ex-members of the security services who are living, for their health, in friendly climates abroad. They are not, for the most part, traitors, nor are they all fanatically occupied with contemplating the inadequacy of their pensions; but they like to recall the days when they were young and robust, and, accordingly, to talk about them. These reminiscences must be curtailed in the interest of national safety. How is it to be done?

This is a question to which the press, if it were genuinely concerned with the preservation of legitimate secrecy, would have addressed more seriously than it has done. There would be much to be said, for example, for an attempt to secure a convention among the Western powers for the extradition of those accused of offences against official secrecy. At present, it would seem, a French traitor can publish his reminiscences in Britain and a British traitor can publish his in France. This is not satisfactory. Those who wish to divulge the secrets which they have sworn to preserve should at least be obliged to go behind the Iron Curtain in order to do so.

Later on I shall address myself in more general terms to that extraordinary phenomenon, which has recently been so much advertised, the "journalistic conscience". For the moment, I am content to prestate the proposition that in the matter of Peter Wright the state (by which I do not simply mean the government) is entirely right and the press wholly wrong. Perhaps, I am unemployable; if so, so be it.

however . . . Philip Howard

Making quite a production

All the world's a stage. For entertainment here in darkest Ayrshire at this season the theatre is mainly the weather for the hay-making and gossip about who's getting off with whom. There is the *Gaiety Whirl*, the summer show for seaside trippers, consisting of large dancing girls in short tartan, and opaque Scottish jokes with a pronounced anti-Sassenach bias. I didn't much like the show. But I saw it under adverse conditions — the curtain was up.

At such a summer show at the beginning of the 19th century J.F. Kemble, the tragedian and theatrical manager, was continually interrupted by a crying child. Eventually he advanced to the front of the stage and announced: "Ladies and gentlemen, unless the play is stopped, the child cannot possibly go on."

There is more to a play than the text. A production very rarely sticks to the text. It is a complex interaction between text, producer, actors, scene-shifters, audience, and other bit players. Notable productions and performances change the text and our understanding of the play. In a famous production of *Hamlet*, the ghost (P. Howard) was so startled by the death-rattle noise meant to be the crowing of the cock, on which he was supposed to fade, that he fell off the battlements with a clatter of stage armour. It brought the house down. But I am not aware that subsequent producers have adopted the business as a way of getting *Hamlet* senior off with a bang.

When my Granpapa went to the West End theatre he embarrassed his family by standing up in his seat to boo the villain or cheer the hero. But then, he was from Caphonia and excitable. When *Othello* was first performed in Paris in 1792 in a heavily bowdlerized and watered-down version, tears, groans, and menaces resounded from all parts of the theatre. Several of the prettiest women in Paris fainted in the most conspicuous boxes, and were publicly carried out of the house. Ducis (the translator or etiologist) was alarmed for his tragedy, for his fame, and for his life.

They note such fascinating minutiae as the way that Ian McKellen stripped completely while playing Edgar disguising himself as Mad Tom in the Actor's Company production of *Lea* in 1974; the patient simplicity of Kean's Shylock on "I am a Jew"; Peter Brook's trapping of the audience when the interval lights came up while the blinded Gloucester still staggered around the stage; and the reaction against Irving's Bardolay in which *The Times* condemned *King Lear* as "irritatingly and childishly primitive".

The books are an eye-opener to those of us who have held that the best productions take place in the theatre between our ears; maybe because we spent so much time at school studying the texts from Aeschylus onwards. But a play is much more than words upon a page. Those material facts were made for performance outside the carrel in the ancient equivalent of a Cup Final football stadium. Women miscarried when the Furies came on. This new series describes performances from the beginning, moment by moment: how important scenes have been handled, how characters have been portrayed down the centuries. In the "Farewell the tranquil mind" aria, Olivier ranges back and forth across the stage; the speech becomes an animal moan of desolation, the vowels throbbing and extended, and the "ear-piercing fife" rising to an ecstasy of agonized onomatopoeia.

A complete text (i.e., the unfinished picture) of the play is printed alongside the production notes. A substantial introduction gives the full stage history of the play, and puts each production in its historical context. Each generation rediscovered and reproduces Shakespeare and our other classic plays in its own image.

For much of its history *Lear* was played with a happy ending, and *Othello* was heavily bowdlerized on the grounds that it was too distressing and sexually explicit. "And all that for a pocket handkerchief," commented an Italian lady in 1902.

Our generation finds depths in *Lear* and the *Fool* in *Lear* that no one saw before. The *Gaiety Whirl* is a bawdy romp; within reason. But you do well to go on your summer travels with an account of a play in performance to stimulate the imagination.

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COMPETITION COMES FIRST

Mr Cecil Parkinson has the brief to privatize the electricity supply industry before the next election. This task presents the dilemma of reconciling the different purposes of privatization at its starkest.

It would be relatively simple to sell the industry to millions of small investors in roughly its present form — a series of regional distribution boards and a separate monopoly Central Electricity Generating Board in England and Wales. That would deliver the largest and speediest revenue to the Treasury and, on previous experience, remove any threat of renationalization.

Yet this simple solution would enshrine an effective monopoly in power generation. It would reinforce the monopoly culture in its distribution. It would also pre-empt any future attempts to break up the artificial British Coal monopoly.

There is both a need and plenty of scope to introduce competition into electricity generation. The CEBG's planning and forecasting has been erratic and unreliable. Delays and high costs in building power stations are notorious. Productivity lags behind world standards. The CEBG itself stresses its poor record in commissioning nuclear power stations — though this is blamed on technological factors.

Many of these faults are the result in part of political interference, one of the strongest arguments for privatization in any form. But privatization of a monopoly underwrites inefficiency by allowing prices to be set to recover costs.

Ensuring effective competition would almost certainly require a fundamental restructuring of the industry. Depending on the method used, that would delay the sale of all or part of it well into the next decade. Successor companies would need to show a record of operating under competitive conditions before they could be sold to the public. It might cut significantly the ultimate revenue to the Treasury. It might also conflict with expansion plans for nuclear power.

In the wake of public disquiet over monopoly power in the telephone network, the Energy Secretary is anxious to find a competitive structure. British experience of previous utility privatizations has shown that competition is a much better spur to efficiency and service than regulation alone. This fact has been unduly neglected by the Government.

Mr Parkinson has rightly rejected the possibility of selling the CEBG and the area boards, which come together in the Electricity Council, as a single monolithic company. In theory, he has kept all other options open.

There is a natural monopoly in distributing electricity to customers through the area boards. In whatever form these are privatized — and there should certainly not be a single national board — independent regulation of prices and standards will be needed. But the tight timetable, which requires a decision in

principle on the future structure of the industry by the end of the year, also loads the dice in favour of retaining the CEBG, including transmission and network control through the national grid, in roughly its present dominant form.

Separating the national grid from ownership of power stations, possibly to be jointly owned by the distribution companies, is widely thought to be the key to ensuring competition. This would open the way for competitive independent power generating companies feeding into the grid. These would probably be initially created by splitting the CEBG.

The merit order system operated by the national grid, which uses the lowest cost power stations first and calls on supplies from others in order of cost as demand rises, would then be a much greater incentive to efficiency. Splitting the CEBG would also allow early reform of the structure of the coal monopoly, by putting together coal-fired power stations with their associated pits as integrated generating companies.

The CEBG's strongest suit in its attempt to avoid dismemberment is, however, its record of operating the national grid and the merit order system with great skill and efficiency to minimize excess capacity and maintain supplies in difficult times such as the miners' strike. Lord Marshall, the influential and formidable chairman of the CEBG, will argue that this depends on maintaining an integrated generation and transmission system.

He will also tell the Government that only the CEBG is big enough to shoulder the research and development burden and financial strain of the programme to build a family of pressurized water reactors. Some influential proponents of competition support this view. They argue that building nuclear power stations would be uneconomic to private generating companies applying a more realistic interest rate to their heavy capital costs and long construction times. They suggest too that the ageing Magnox stations, which will have to be decommissioned, would be uneconomic outside an umbrella of monopoly.

The experience of the much smaller South of Scotland Electricity Board argues against this, however, and offers another possible model for restructuring. It combines distribution with generation, has a much higher nuclear content than the CEBG, yet manages its nuclear stations better. The issues are therefore extremely complex.

The technical and financial advisers assembled by Mr Parkinson may be able to suggest compromises involving limited local competition or complex regulation of the operations of the national grid to avoid commercial abuse by the CEBG. But they will surely confirm that he must make a choice between full scale competition and early privatization. If that is the case, competition should come first.

MR LANGE WINS AGAIN

The return to power of Mr David Lange's Labour government in New Zealand's general election has not come as any great surprise. The opinion pollsters had been predicting a Labour win since from the start of the campaign. The opposition leader, Mr Jim Bolger, and his conservative National Party succeeded in cutting the Lange lead from 26 per cent to one of single figures. But despite a surge of optimism on the right, the odds never looked in serious danger of upset.

The pattern closely resembled that of last month's Australian election when Mr Bob Hawke survived a late challenge from the right. The comparison does not end there. Mr Lange, like Mr Hawke, has been comfortably re-elected despite soaring inflation, high unemployment and (despite half-promises that the worst is over) no guarantee of early milk and honey.

If the rumbustious Mr Lange was the main architect of victory, his clerk of works was the Finance Minister, Mr Roger Douglas. Rogernomics, Wellington's counterpart to Thatcherism, has transformed the most heavily regulated economy in the capitalist world into one of the most free.

The effects have been controversial. But businessmen have relished the greater freedom and New Zealand's middle classes have welcomed the government's determination to bring greater stability and strength to the economy in the long term. New Zealand has voted to pay now and live later.

WHOSE INTEREST IN SAFETY?

President Reagan's narrow escape from an air collision in California last week will be doubly welcome if it also rouses the US government into a reconsideration of air safety. Californian air is the most dangerous air in the world, judging by the recorded instances of near-misses, many of which involve one or more of the light privately owned aircraft with which it is thick.

The freedom of the skies — like that of carrying a gun — is a characteristic American notion. It is a dangerous romantic fantasy if it means the freedom to wander into the path of presidential helicopters or packed airliners. More stringent standards of training and testing for such pilots are already overdue, and if that leads to fewer qualified pilots, and therefore fewer light aircraft competing for crowded air space, so much the better.

There are no grounds for a sense of superiority in Britain. As *The Times* revealed on Friday the Civil Aviation Authority is privately more alarmed by the level of risk involved in the control of air traffic in British skies than it has so far publicly admitted. Concern here is concentrated more on air traffic control arrangements, which are creaking from a combination of obsolescent equipment, the rise in air movements, and industrial grievances among air traffic controllers.

The science of aircraft safety is inevitably

based to some extent on the principle of shutting the stable door after the horse has bolted — in order to stop the next horse bolting. Every incident of any kind, which caused an accident or might have done so, has to be investigated so that modifications to equipment, operational methods and training can be introduced as urgently as necessary. Aircraft safety engineers have the benefit of the whole world as their laboratory, and every flight is an experimental test. But, for it to work well, this method must be allowed to operate free of pressure from vested interests.

In America, the power of the light aircraft lobby has inhibited necessary safety measures. In Britain, some air traffic controllers are failing to make full use of the incident reporting system, thereby blocking investigations that might reveal unsuspected dangers, apparently because they are disgruntled with their conditions of service.

The Civil Aviation Authority has discovered that there are some hazards in air traffic control which could have been eliminated sooner had they been spotted and properly investigated sooner. There may be others, unknown. This is irresponsible behaviour from a group with a unique contribution to make to air safety, and a generally good reputation to maintain.

The dangers in charity events

From the Medical Director of the London Sports Medicine Institute Sir, The recent death of a young woman who was dropped on to the blades of a helicopter (report, August 10) follows other deaths and severe injuries arising from novice parachute jumpers taking part in sponsored jumps. Apart from helicopters and light aircraft, drops have been "complicated" by overhead high-tension cables.

These events have exposed the dangers of parachute jumping in particular and produced demands that the British Parachute Association should tighten up its safety regulations.

However, this recent event exposes a wider moral dilemma in which I feel charities themselves should take some responsibility. Many charities now give the impression that they are happy for large numbers of people to "try" or take part in potentially dangerous activities which all appear justified provided that money is being raised for a reputable cause.

The methods used to recruit "sponsored athletes" and the pressure that these sponsored participants are under to take part, even if they have second thoughts about the matter, can be a source of worry to people like myself who supply medical services to major events.

In a recent British coast relay run a middle-aged runner with a young family died and the total money raised for the charity concerned was only £50,000, a trivial amount compared with the economic damage of the loss of a breadwinner to a young family.

I gather many charities offer to pay training costs for parachute enthusiasts prepared to gain high endorsements. Other charities have been guilty of making false entries to the London Marathon in order to gain sponsored runners and very few if any charities emphasize to their sponsored participants that they have the right to withdraw and not take part and should in fact do so if they feel ill or have second thoughts about the enterprise.

Perhaps charities should now reassess their methods at the same time as the sporting authorities look at their safety regulations and entry requirements.

Yours faithfully,
D. S. TUNSTALL PEDOE,
Medical Director,
London Sports Medicine Institute,
c/o Medical College of St Bartholomew's Hospital,
Charterhouse Square, EC1,
August 12.

SDP merger

From Mr Anthony Robinson Sir, Argument as to whether the pro-merger of anti-merger faction within the SDP has copyright to the name of the party ought to be settled very simply.

Applying the rules which relate to other institutions the name belongs to the party and if the party votes by a suitable majority to merge (or fuse) with another, the name must remain available to the new fused entity to use in whatever form it decides.

For it to be argued that the name can remain behind with the minority is absurd, if for no other reason than that the minority will not exist in any corporate sense until they form a new party.

If the other "fused" party decides to call itself the Social Democratic and Liberal Party, what will Dr Owen call his party? Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY ROBINSON,
20 Michaelgate, Lincoln.

Relying on prices

From Mr David Damant Sir, In his article in your edition of August 11, Michael Surrey argues that share prices "neither reflect nor predict changes in the economic world outside". If Professor Surrey had read any of the scholarly literature on the subject he would be aware of the fact that the overwhelming evidence is that share prices are exceptionally efficient in reflecting the economic information available.

Were market movements as detached from reality as Professor Surrey argues, there would indeed be very large profits to be made by anyone who bought and sold on the basis of the true trend of events but profits from this type of speculation have just not appeared. Indeed, the efficiency of the market is such that the trend of prices is very often a better forecast of economic events than articles written by economists. Yours faithfully,
DAVID DAMANT,
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Special case

From Mr R. J. Clifford Sir, I would have expected better of *The Times* than to treat the "humble overdrift holder on the Clapham omnibus" (leader, August 7) as no more than an exemplar of "the ordinary man". Is this not to rob him of his important position in English law as the embodiment of "the reasonable man"?

As A. P. Herbert clearly demonstrates in one of his *Misleading Cases*, this is a very special concept with no female equivalent. Yours faithfully,
R. J. CLIFFORD,
The Tythe Barn,
Hazelton,
Alcester, Warwickshire.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Britain's space links with USSR

From the Chairman of Jardine Glanville (Interplanetary) Limited Sir, The excellence of the Soviet space programme, to which you devoted two articles last week (*Spectrum*, August 10 and 11), became obvious to us in 1984 at the same time as the technical and administrative shortcomings of both the American and European programmes were beginning to manifest themselves.

As a result of meetings in Moscow in early 1985 with Licensintorg — the ministry responsible for machinery exports including civil space endeavours — we were privileged to be consulted and involved in the start of Glavcosmos, which is the Soviet directorate solely concerned with the non-military commercial exploitation of space.

Glavcosmos has been most forthcoming in making available all the data necessary for western manufacturers of satellites to match their products to the launcher, namely Proton, and on behalf of Glavcosmos, as an independent agent, we arranged for the launch of the payloads on Proton.

The Prime Minister's insistence that the private sector become more involved seems to us a welcome challenge. Research and development is necessary and will continue in Britain, where we have the finest manufacturer of satellites in Europe. We should capitalise on that asset by providing the most competitive terms for launch and by imaginative financing of the project sales. The resulting profits will fund more research and more projects, to the benefit of the economy as a whole.

The greatest help the Government can give is to permit private financing of its own satellite requirements. The sale and lease-back of Skybolt would release some £200 million into the defence budget. In addition, financing of the Nato range of satellites by the

City, along with the necessary insurance protection, would generate enormous interest and capacity.

This company is closer to the Soviet commercial space programmes than any other and because of competitive launches provides an essential ingredient of successful selling in this field. This competitive edge is damaged by the "dog in a manger" attitude of the US Government in refusing to contemplate technology transfer even if that technology is out of date and known to be in use in the Soviet Union.

A case in point was the use of a small part in a polar solar mission, designed and manufactured in the US 15 years ago, which was refused a Russian launch by the Americans. It remains in storage, costing a great deal in maintenance.

There is, of course, a major security consideration in the launch of a western-built satellite from the Soviet Union. The Russians fully recognise this requirement and are quite prepared to allow all necessary security procedures ordered by the manufacturer of the satellite and its owners to maintain the integrity of the satellite.

We would like to see the British National Space Centre place a far greater emphasis on the commercial possibilities that exist in the space business than heretofore and, as a result, this country could become a major competitor to the dominance of the Americans in the field of space communications and data transmission. Yours faithfully,
M. W. BRACKENREED
JOHNSTON,

Chairman,
Jardine Glanville (Interplanetary) Limited,
(Insurance Brokers),
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144 Leadenhall Street, EC3,
August 12.

Community tax

From Mr A. Winston Sagman Sir, Whilst it is an admirable idea to spread the rate burden more equitably than at present, the prospect of a "poll tax" type of allotment of the charges seems overwhelmingly cumbersome.

As such a change will only be rates in a different form, why not amend the present system to take account of its biggest drawback — i.e., its apparent unfair loading on different-size families in similar homes.

Would a simpler system not be to assume that every house be assessed initially on its size — three, four, five, six or what-have-you rooms — and that each house be assumed to have no more people according to its size (e.g., 1.5 per room) and charged accordingly.

Discounts would then be automatic where a house normally contains fewer persons than is standard for a particular size. If only a couple were in a house rated at four, a reduction of 50 per cent would be available, if claimed. If only one, a reduction of 75 per cent in the charge would be normal.

The advantage of such a system is that it is the residence, which does not normally change its address, which is taxed and reductions would have to be claimed on the rates notice itself.

Yours sincerely,
WINSTON SAGMAN,
15 Grenville Gardens,
Birmingham, Kent.

Butterfly bait

From Mr David Brandie Sir, From reading an illustrated book of butterflies, as first published in the eighteenth century, I learned that the gatekeeper butterfly will feed on wild marjoram. Having obtained such a plant, I am delighted to find that I have secured the company of the gatekeeper.

It is fascinating to see the faithfully recorded detail much in evidence some 300 years later; I refer to the black circle on its wing, in which is set a minute pair of yellow dots, one above the other.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID BRANDIE,
4 Clifton Rise,
Wargrave,
Berkshire,
August 11.

Vanishing pews

From Mrs G. D. Heath Sir, I was greatly disheartened to learn from Mr Robert Williams's letter of August 12 that St Michael's Church, Stone, risks losing its magnificent pews.

Researches into the History of the Parish and Parish Church of Stone by W. H. Bowers and J. W. Clough (1929) refers to the Act of Parliament of 1753 which permitted the building of a new church. It gives a register of the pews and seats sold in January, 1758, the most expensive being £27.10s and the cost of pewing paid to Mr Lyman, £650 — no small sum at that time. It was intended that the pews be "wainscot with deal benches".

Throughout my childhood in Stone there was a constant threat to the pews. Furthermore, I have never sat more comfortably in any pew or seat over a period of more than 50 years than I did three times on Sundays in St Michael's Church.

Yours faithfully,
JOAN HEATH,
77 Broad Lane,
Hampton,
Middlesex.

Health care costs

From Dr James M. B. Burn Sir, If black were white, the supposition of R. C. Millward (August 7) would be correct that reducing the length of stay in hospital and increasing the number of day cases would not increase NHS efficiency. Needless to say he is wrong.

From extensive experience of day surgery since 1969, I can assure him that it does not result in patient care becoming more hazardous or stressful; it does not throw an additional burden upon the community medical services; it does not result in more readmissions to hospital; it reduces rather than increases the workload on inpatient wards, and alleviates nursing staff shortages by recruiting part-time staff; and it certainly has no bearing on doctors seeking early retirement.

On the contrary, when properly conducted, it is a most excellent and safe practice, which is now widely employed in this country and has been endorsed by the Royal College of Surgeons, who recently published guidelines on the subject.

Day surgery does increase NHS efficiency, and it is wrong to undermine public confidence in it by suggesting that it is less safe than in-patient care. Yours faithfully,
JAMES M. B. BURN,
White House,
The Franches,
Romsey, Hampshire,
August 8.

Spitalfields plan

From Councillor A. Wilcock Sir, The article, "Spitalfields split" (*Diary*, August 6) poses the question, "Has the Prince of Wales's visit accelerated Tower Hamlets Council's programme to improve the area?" The answer is "No". A timetable has been created for decentralisation which involves the total reorganisation of the way the council is run and service delivery. It is tight, realistic and on schedule.

When undertaking a vast reorganisation of this kind there will always be a few "teething" problems. I can assure you that these will be kept to the very minimum. More important, the outcome will be acceptable to residents of Tower Hamlets.

These radical proposals need staff commitment. We shall be looking for that commitment when we consider applicants for the Assistant Chief Executive's Bethnal Green. Yours sincerely,
A. WILCOCK (Chairman, Decentralisation Committee),
London Borough of Tower Hamlets,
Town Hall,
Patriot Square, E2.

All wrong

From Mr Tony Aust Sir, That's right, Mr Kershaw (August 6), but there is worse to come from across the Atlantic, where "No problem" is replacing "Yes".

I had six "No problems" from the same waiter in the course of one meal. I am told the disease has already reached the Channel ports where *pas de problème* can already be heard.

And for some time I had been wondering why some now say "Cheers!" rather than, Thanks,
TONY AUST,
30 Harvard Court,
Honeybourne Road, NW6,
August 10.

Verdict on the Swedish courts

From Mr John Gors, MP for Hendon North (Conservative) Sir, I agree with the conclusions in the final paragraph of your editorial, "The quality of Swedish justice" (August 11); but may I comment on some of your facts?

"Captain Hayward was allowed English newspapers, a radio and television." In an interview with him in Uppsala in early May, Captain Hayward told me: "I was allowed to have the British World Service when the publicity in England died down." On August 2, the Swedish prosecutor was quoted as saying: "... he could read the British newspapers". The following day, Captain Hayward told me at his trial: "I'm allowed only those that hardly mention my case."

Since the avowed purpose of solitary confinement in Sweden is rationalised as being for the purpose of preventing a suspect from conferring with other suspects, why should Captain Hayward have had to wait for 42 days before being allowed an account of the debate of his case in the House of Commons? Why should he have been kept in ignorance of what the police and prosecutor were saying about him, to his detriment, in the Swedish media; and why should he not know now, and throughout, what was being reported in the British press? Is this fair to the accused?

You also say that he "was given time in court to present his case", thus echoing the public prosecutor: "Captain Hayward has been given as much time as me to be heard." Is equal time to be compared with equal time for party political broadcasts on TV, and to be judged as relevant to the fairness of a criminal trial? Surely, in view of the trivial detail and the nature of the hearsay "evidence" produced by the prosecution, he should have had even more time. Had he known of the innuendo fed to the media behind his back, I am sure he would have needed it.

I agree with you that the court, in arriving at its majority decision, did not do so "hastily and without thought". But I have always held the view that the outcome was pre-ordained so far as the majority of both judge and assessors were concerned. Yours sincerely,
JOHN GORS,
House of Commons,
August 13.

THE TIMES ON THIS DAY

AUGUST 17 1977

Elvis Presley, the "king of rock and roll", died on August 16 in Memphis, Tennessee, at the age of 42. The BBC interrupted its schedule to announce the event — treatment usually reserved for world statesmen.

Elvis Presley dies in hospital, aged 42

From Michael Lempman New York, Aug 16
Elvis Presley, the millionaire singer and "king of rock and roll", died in a hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, in the late 1950s. He was 42.

His death was announced soon after he was admitted to hospital suffering from what was described as "respiratory distress".

A statement from the Memphis Baptist Memorial hospital said that Mr Presley was found unconscious by Mr Joe Esposito, his road manager, at his home this afternoon. Mr Esposito said that the singer was not breathing and he tried emergency resuscitation to no avail.

He was taken to hospital where more emergency resuscitation was attempted for half an hour, but then abandoned. Dr George Nichopoulos, his physician, said that a heart attack was a possible cause of death, but there would be a post mortem examination.

Earlier this year Mr Presley cut short a road trip in Louisiana and returned to Memphis, where he was taken to hospital suffering from what his doctor said was exhaustion.

Born in Tupelo, Mississippi, in 1935, Elvis Presley, who was to become internationally known as "Elvis the Pelvis", made his first commercial record in 1953. The following year he scored big hits with such records as "Blue Suede Shoes" and "You ain't Nothing But a Hound Dog". One record, "Don't Be Cruel", sold six million copies and 30 sold more than a million.

His stage presence, with gyrating hips in tight jeans beneath a shirt open to the waist, made him one of the first overtly sexual popular male singers. He exploited the new and highly lucrative record market among young girls, who would scream at his stage appearances and grab at his clothes. His greased black hair, sideburns and vaguely sneering mouth were his trade marks.

In recent years he had rarely appeared in public and had constant problems keeping his weight down. A non-smoker and teetotaler, he had been in hospital several times, suffering from fatigue and from eye problems. He was married in 1967 but later divorced. He had one daughter.

THE ARTS

Presley present

Scarcely had Marilyn Monroe's ashes been re-interred than Elvis Presley's have taken their place on camera. Friday's *Wogan* (BBC1) was given over to remembrance of the King past, and so did it prove that even Mr Wogan lost the thread, stumbling over his prompts as distractedly as a man lost in a Scottish pine-forest. The conversation, admittedly, did not inspire one's undivided attention, with euphemisms being grabbed at like bars of soap. Among other things, we learnt that in his last years Presley was "slightly addicted" to prescribed drugs.

Presley slightly died 10 years ago yesterday, and a global commemorative in-

TELEVISION

dustry has been working flat-out ever since for the benefit of the taste and potentially lack-rimmed womeanians who constitute his posthumous following. Love of the dead is not so very different from necrophilia. There exists a spoof documentary, *He May Be Dead But He's Elvis*, which purports to show Presley's corpse being exhumed and a guitar thrust into its lifeless hands in order to make a comeback record (silent). Sadly, no television channel has had the courage of its bad taste to screen this amusing and perceptive film.

Instead, we have suffered such events as the — um — well-meaning *Love Me Tender* (ITV, Friday), in which a host of pop stars, old and young, proved that no one living is capable of Presley's phrasing; a back-handed tribute which added up to a mawkish show. Kim Wilde should have had a preview of *Elvis: One Night With You* (BBC1, Saturday) before attempting the title song.

This 1968 film of his first live performance in 12 years provides the missing link between the mercurial Adams of the 1950s and the porcine stumblers of the 1970s. It was both wonderful and pathetic. Sitting around on a central stage with a batch of joshing buddies (including the immaculate Scotty Moore, whose lead guitar graced the early Sun recordings), a visibly nervous star retreated into self-mockery before emerging to earn his fee. All the bad stage habits of the Las Vegas years were here in embryo.

Yesterday *Presley* (BBC1) kicked off a two-part biography by interviewing old chums, most of whom hated that he was "different" but got little further in terms of description. After dwelling too long on his cultural background in *Tupelo and Memphis*, the programme's streak through the star's early career was full, so to speak, of omissions. Item: Johnny Cash and Carl Perkins shared a bill with Presley on the tour of the South which made Presley's name; these two are still alive and presumably vocal. Item: when Presley sang in Lubbock, Texas, a friend of Buddy Holly's made a home movie of the event; this film has been shown on British television; it is the earliest extant footage of the star on or off stage; it is luridly coloured and dreamily fascinating. Perhaps, though, not even Elvis fans can have everything they want. Life (or, in this case, death) is simply not like that.

Martin Cropper

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Multi-media icon

Madonna mania hits Britain: David Sinclair, in Leeds, assesses the phenomenon's appeal

The amount of coverage afforded Madonna's visit has been surprising, in some respects, on a weekend that the media had earmarked long ago for the worship of Elvis Presley's memory. Yet, by opening a short series of British engagements at the huge natural bowl of Roundhay Park, she joined the select company of the Rolling Stones, Bruce Springsteen and Genesis, an illustration of superlative prestige by any standards, but for a solo female artist at this time a confirmation of "phenomenon" status.

She certainly demonstrated the magnetic appeal and commanding stage presence of a true star in a 100-minute show that held the 70,000-strong crowd enraptured from the first sensual stirrings of "Open Your Heart", where she stretched lasciviously across a chair, like Liza Minelli in *Cabaret*, to the closing romp through "Holiday", the 1984 hit which launched her career in this country.

In between was a weave of singing, dancing and general entertaining that recalled many of the old-fashioned qualities of the all-round performers of the music-hall era. The presentation of every song was executed in meticulous detail that involved back projections, various bold props, suitable dance and/or mime routines and costume changes, not only for Madonna but also for her three backing vocalists and three dancers.

Thus "White Heat", a song about the New York underworld, saw the functional, tiered stage populated by cardboard cut-out gangsters, Madonna in a gold lamé jacket and black slouch hat, a projection of the New York skyline, and

a mime-dance routine with a gun. "Papa Don't Preach" attempted a more provocative resonance with pictures of the Pope, and a plug for "Safe Sex" flashed against the familiar narrative of an unwed girl hymning the baby in her womb.

This storyboard approach, which carried through to the mock Spanish dancing of "La Isla Bonita", the Fifties Americana of "True Blue" and a bombardment of wealth symbols during "Material Girl", reflected Madonna's fascination with the medium of film and her determination to project herself as a multi-media icon rather than as a straightforward pop singer. The speed of the costume changes was frequently breathtaking.

With so much finery to distract the attention, the music seemed but a part of the whole, and it was easy to see why the musicians in Madonna's seven-piece backing band are forever relegated to a limbo of non-recognition in reports of her performance. Led by the keyboardist Pat Leonard, they played with the bland brilliance of top-flight disco soundtrack sessioners, creating an unblemished backing track to their mistress's unfailingly accurate singing performance but being given no leave to reveal their individuality apart from one round of breaks during "Causing a Commotion".

For, despite the staggering chart successes of her records (songs she has co-written and co-produced herself), it was force of personality, way above any musical considerations, that was at the core of this event. "Live to Tell", a slight ballad with a typical first-person lyric, became the vehicle for an emotional melodrama, as Madonna's lonely figure clung despondently to the microphone stand before collapsing in a distraught bundle on the floor. "Where's the Party" used newspaper headlines detailing her past "scandalous" exploits and a gaggle of gossiping voices effectively to parody her own hectic lifestyle.

Feminists do not like her image, but the strong, muscular body which she proudly displayed in the fishnet tights reflected a poise and physical confidence that could not have been further removed from notions of weakness or compliance. Interestingly, the constant factors in all the costume-changes were her practical, low-heeled boots and, moving with a sure, catlike agility, she used her sex only as blatantly and in the same dominant way as many a male rock star from Presley onwards has done. Meanwhile, her predominantly female following is far less given to belts of hysterical screaming than were those hordes of teenage girls who turned out to see the Beatles in their prime.

Madonna's fans have been personified as aspirant "wanna be" types, but the philosophy of this performance was more that of the "can do" woman of the Eighties: light on soul, an ambiguous mixture of traditional and modern values, but uncompromisingly of the moment. At least it will be a while before we have to start celebrating Madonna anniversaries.



Madonna on stage in Leeds: her force of personality at the core of the whole performance

Subtly sustained ambiguity

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

Mary Stuart Assembly Hall

The choice of a dramatic centrepiece for Edinburgh — some masterpiece combining Scottish with international appeal, and stageable within the media resources of the Assembly Hall — falls this year on Schiller's tragedy. Like its imprisoned heroine, Frank Dunlop's production submits gamely to its environment, limiting itself to a stepped platform, a Frink-like death's head, lustrous costume and token displays of Elizabethan pageantry. Otherwise everything hinges on the actors and on Schiller (in the robust translation of his contemporary Joseph Melish).

One positive feature of the Assembly Hall is that it offers one of the few surviving houses hospitable to noble resolutions, undying love and fearless acceptance of death. You can take them in your stride and remain open to whatever more interesting material the play happens to contain; and *Mary Stuart* contains plenty. Not only is it a searching study of political power, but it takes the historical pretext for vesting this in the hands of women, so as to show the various stratagems of the male to regain his supposedly natural supremacy.



Unmistakable intentions: Jill Bennett as Queen Elizabeth I

For much of the way, despite the idealized treatment of Mary, sympathies are invoked with sustained ambiguity. Leicester seems Mary's strongest ally until he has to choose between her and saving his skin. Mortimer takes up her cause with no thought of his own safety; then comes the extraordinary scene in which the rescuer turns rapist. On Dunlop's stage by far the most interesting figure is John Fraser's Leicester, a genial milord who cares nothing for his rank so long as everybody else observes it; and whose court tactics appear in political love-making, flattery that seems to come straight from the heart and fearlessly decisive treachery when the moment arrives.

The irony of the play (which roused patriotic cheers on Friday night) is that it shows Elizabeth triumphing over her

Descending from the Mound, you find a less elevated view of these affairs at the Lyceum Studio. In Liz Lochhead's *Mary Queen of Scots* got her head chopped off. This is history as folklore, showing the "two queens" as they live on in popular consciousness, with Elizabeth (Alison Peables) as a Cruella de Ville lookalike and Mary (Anne Lacey) as a sorrowful Holbein beauty. Snatches of high discourse alternate with the sight of Riccio pounding the Holyrood typewriter and Darnley asserting himself with swigs from a hip-flask. The whole thing is supervised by Scotland's gossipy national bird, the Crow — who, in the ribald person of Myra McFadyen, doubles as a whip-cracking ringmaster.

The show is a circus; and, although it has been organized into a first act of female plotting followed by a second act of bloody masculine deeds, it consists essentially of unrelated turns. But that is the intended effect of Gerry Mulgrew's Communicado production, which sets out to construct a Scottish theatrical form from the traditional materials of ballads, theological debate, story-telling, children's games and the *ceilidh*. Vying with La Corbie as the controlling figure is a young violinist, Anne Wood, who initiates events and impels dancers (notably Frank McConnell) into frenzied acceleration with riffs of Mephistophelian improvisation. If you see this touring show you will not be bored.

Irving Wardle

Where silence is sublime

I have no hesitation even at this early stage in declaring *Tattoo* (Demarco's), from the open-stage Obala in Sarajevo, the sensation of this year's festival. It is almost impossible to give a satisfactory impression of this production in a few words because it is so different from any other kind of theatre.

There is a simple story: boy meets girl, they fall in love and marry, set up a home in a very modest bed-sit and have a child. Things start to go wrong between them but, after much difficulty, a kind of reconciliation is effected. The final tableau is of the two of them growing old together, tattooed into each other's souls as ineradicably as the love tattoos he makes on their chests at the beginning. This is all done, with a wealth of detail,

with wit and compassion and without a single word being spoken. Furthermore the sense of speech is not in any way contrived; it feels right, and they perform it wholly naturally. In fact the emotional shifts between the two principals and their little boy (played wonderfully by a six-year-old) are so vivid that you realize what imperfect messengers mere words usually are.

The only non-naturalistic element is the rabbit. When they first meet he gives her a toy rabbit as a token of his affection. The rabbit then reappears: first life-size — an actress with a rabbit mask — then a live bunny as well. Quite what you make of this symbol will depend as much on what you are as what the production is. It sounds pe-

culiar, I am sure. It works perfectly. The fact that the director, Mladen Materic, has integrated this mixture of magic and normality so successfully is a good deal for what must be an extraordinary theatrical imagination.

There are still more surprises in the staging, which uses the whole building, and at one point divides the audience into men and women. Each group sees a different scene and you never see the other device which turns the concept of dramatic irony on its head. *Tattoo* on its completely original, releasing whole new worlds for theatrical exploration. It is also magnificently performed and suffused with a deep but unselfish affection for what we are wont to call, at

our peril, "ordinary people". All of which is a bit hard on *Le Lavoir* (Traverse), *Théâtre de la Basoche*'s rich evocation of the women in a 1914 Amiens wash-house which in any other context would be a sensation all of its own. *Le Lavoir* is full of the chattering of the 12 washerwomen, telling stories, singing songs, fighting, gossiping, giggling, all brilliantly carried off with such finesse that one is scarcely aware of a performance being given at all. Above all, both shows share a rejoicing in and respect for the whole rather surprising business of being alive at all, sending you out with just a hint of a spring in your step.

Robert Dawson Scott

Not quite that easy

RADIO

As being insufficiently Aryan in its origins, Charlie and the boys blew hot behind lyrics intended to insult despair.

The result was hilarious. Words such as "You're the tops, you're a German flier" and "Boom! why does my ship go boom?" set to jazz classics, can hardly have struck fear into the hearts of those suffering under Luftwaffe bombs or working the Atlantic convoys.

Martin Esslin, who worked for the BBC German Service during the war, probably got it right when he pointed out

that, while the Nazis had handed the Allies leading German writers and musicians to work as anti-Nazi propagandists, all they got in return were a few Mosleyite no-hopers. So, while the Third Reich attempted to fight in its fourth theatre of war — the ether — it was hampered by awful translations which suggested that the town of Rangoon had been obliterated, as in "German planes dropped bombs at random". This and other gaffes, such as referring constantly to Tommies and Jack Tars, made the broadcasts an object of ridicule. Is this possibly the lost origin of British radio humour?

Opinion-forming also had a part to play in Margaret Percy's journalistic detective story *Ruthless Adventure*. The Lives of L. Ron Hubbard (Radio 4, Tuesday). Anyone who recalls the media witch-hunt against the Church of Scientology in the 1960s, but cannot remember the reasons why, would have been interested to hear this fine piece of research into its founder. The father of Dianetics, "an engineering model of the mind and an everyday approach to psychoanalysis", science fiction writer and, as Percy established, a former American intelligence operative, Hubbard emerged as one of the great cognates. The programme helped to fill some of the gaps and in the time available did a good job.

John Percival

John Marshall

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IT'LL DRIVE EVERYONE

First prize at this year's International Belvedere Competition for opera singers went to the Norwegian baritone Trond Halstein. He also receives an engagement at America's Newport Festival. Romania's Ana-Felicia Filip shared second prize, with another Romanian, Maria Diaconu, and the special Mozart award.

As a major source of information, radio has since its development played a significant role in the formation of opinion. Its seductively convincing way of inspiring the suspension of doubt, its ability to spin a line without interruption, should, in theory at least, make it the ideal tool for the propagandist. It is reassuring, therefore, to hear how things may not be that easy.

Radio requires audiences, and audiences make their own interpretations of what they hear. Those broadcasters who would actively seek to shape or change opinion do so only at the risk of sounding absurd and of achieving the opposite of their goals.

This basic truth was understood long ago by the BBC External Services and for that reason they are still appre-

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Back to make the grade

Students can sink into depression if A level results prove too low for degree courses. A better reaction may be to consider the crammer, explains Sarah Drummond

August is traditionally the holiday month, but for the crammers, or tutorial colleges, as many prefer to be called, this is the rush hour. From today the telephone calls come in daily from hundreds of distressed parents and pupils seeking advice on retaking A levels, and staff have to think hard and fast.

Results were sent to schools last week (O levels to follow this week); keen students went to collect theirs, the rest were posted, so everyone has had the weekend to review the situation.

The real hysteria of three or four years ago, when there was a student population bulge and the universities upgraded entrance requirements, is a thing of the past: disappointed students, however, are not.

"It's an emotional time for parents and children — they tend to pour out their hearts on the switchboard," according to Joanna Stewart of Truman & Knightley, educational consultants, where there are seven telephone lines, three experts and four more brought into play this week. Half the callers simply want a list of tutorial colleges, countrywide, others want advice.

"Is it time to retake or rethink?" is the most important question according to John Murrell of Gabbitts-Thring (they are merging with Truman & Knightley in October), who have five front-line advisers, plus two temps.

Both firms have about 150 tutorial colleges on their books; advice is free, but when a student takes a place through them, the college pays a 10 per cent introductory charge. Fees at crammers are hefty — in the region of £400-£700 per subject per term.

Most tutorial colleges are in the south, usually in London. Parents are often distraught to find no local crammers; university cities — Oxford, Cambridge, Cardiff, Bath, Edinburgh — are often better off. In London there are three outstanding tutorial colleges: Mander Portman Woodward (MPW), Davies' and Collingham.



The big rush begins today: the staff of Truman & Knightley (Joanna Stewart at far right), helping students to decide whether to retake or rethink

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MISS JOANNA STEWART

MPW has a well deserved reputation for getting students to work extremely hard, and is very fashionable. Rodney Portman, director, says: "We only take those looking for realistic objectives, not over-shooting."

It finds more and more parents make contingency arrangements in case of poor results, and increasingly places are taken in advance by students arriving after O levels to use it as a sixth form college.

Davies' is old-established, traditional and thorough, particularly popular among scientists. At Collingham (which prepares students for both O and A levels) the advice is exceptional, the insight into pupils' problems and potential penetrating.

Mrs Gilly Green (mother of two grown-up children) is tremendously positive, practical and down-to-earth. On the teenage wave-length and much liked by parents too, she is one of the four principals at Collingham with whom potential students have an hour's interview before talking to subject directors.

"We try to find what the problem is, what went wrong. The first

question is, why are they doing this?" she says. "If it is to please the parents, or because all their friends are going to university — you know, they'll say, 'Well, everyone does' — then it's not productive. Do they like studying?"

Often the truth comes out — and she sees the parents' expression. "Perhaps the child is being honest for the first time; often they say, 'Well, I didn't really work.' She then asks what makes them so sure they'll work now. 'The shock' is usually the answer, 'and no distractions from cricket'."

The distress among some of the students is pathetic: feelings of guilt over failure, and over parents paying out more towards education. "Perhaps they'd planned a year off — and now they're mortified."

She probes the problem, asking whether the entire class did badly in a particular subject, sometimes finding this was the case — though they thought they had done well.

"That's when you suspect over-marking in the school."

Or she discovers that the full syllabus was not covered, or rushed at the end, and that there was very little practice of timed papers, "particularly at the most academic schools". Inquiries about textbooks may reveal out-of-date ones still in use; or that a teacher was ill in the autumn.

Gilly Green is inclined to take the view that parents don't complain enough. She says that applies particularly to fee-paying parents, who account for the majority at Collingham.

There is no point in retaking an exam, and loathing it, she stresses. "We often suggest — though it's financially stupid for us — that students take time off until January, do something that interests them, and come back refreshed."

Anyway, as she says, it is not necessary for everyone to go to university. "I talk figures to them —

explaining that 25 per cent get five good O levels; 13 per cent get two A levels and 6 per cent get degrees. If you're not in the top six, or 13, but are in the top 25 per cent bracket, that's fine — you can still do well in life."

Students are commonly dithering about their futures at this stage; Gilly Green helps them look soundly beyond A levels to careers.

At Collingham they do not ask for reports from school. "Pupils want to start afresh." When they come to study at the college, they are by and large determined to do well — and convinced that they can. Their enthusiasm is infectious; it is not uncommon, given a choice of five essay subjects, for a student to do all five. This makes for intensely hard work for the tutors.

Holidays for anyone connected with tutorial colleges are taken before the results come through. Then it's two, three, or even four weeks of immensely hard work.

Gilly Green, for one, finds it a fascinating challenge. "But I do wake up in the night worrying about the timetable sometimes."

The Times daily guide to university and polytechnic vacancies starts on Wednesday.

Cloaked in eccentricity

Edith Sitwell and her poems will be brought back to life on stage tonight

At the first public performance of *Facade* in 1923 "the audience was so threatening", wrote Edith Sitwell, "that I was warned to stay on the platform, hidden by the curtain, until they got tired of waiting for me and went home."

Performances of *Facade* are still causing controversy today, but this time through the words of actress and musician Pamela Hunter, as audiences will be able to discover at the Queen Elizabeth Hall tonight. Instead of the conventional reading, Hunter gives an impersonation of the young Sitwell, talking about her tormented childhood and harrowing family life, before launching into the poems.

She first performed *Facade* at an English festival in Zurich last year. To understand the poems better, she investigated Sitwell's early life and was amazed by its rigorous repressions and unhappiness. The resulting entertainment was seen by Francis Sitwell, the poet's favourite nephew and literary executor, who invited her to perform it at the former home of Osbert and Sacheverell and their friend William Walton in Carlyle Square, where *Facade* was first conceived.

Hunter's career has had nothing in common with that of her subject. Half English, half Norwegian, she was born in Adelaide, trained as a professional musician in New York, and became a clarinet soloist equally adept at the classics and jazz. She now lives in Zurich with her husband, a musician and member of the Pro Arte Quintet.

"You can't help being absorbed by a woman who was so misunderstood," she says. She sees Sitwell as the classic example of the rejected child who was made to feel ugly and unwanted by her father, was subject to her mother's rages, and to a dreadful steel harness in which she was humiliatingly incarcerated as a child to treat curvature of the spine.

It was this upbringing that provided the clues, in Hunter's eyes, to the underlying meaning of the *Facade*

poems. Sitwell only discussed them technically, as "abstract patterns", but in letters to her friends she said: "I used to go nearly demented because of the lack of understanding..." Hunter has written her own interpretations of the poems, which will be published by Duckworth in September. In these commentaries she identifies allusions to Sitwell's mother, Lady Sitwell, as the wrathful "Black Mrs Behemoth", Henry Moat, the Sitwells' remarkable butler, as "Mr Belaker, the cocktail shaker", and as "Don Pasquito", the painter Wyndham Lewis in his Spanish mood — the man whose attentions during the



In rehearsal: Pamela Hunter prepares to perform *Facade*

sittings for her portrait grew so "threatening" that she refused to go on with them — "hence my portrait has no hands".

"These are only my interpretations," Hunter says. "But I hope they will make people think afresh about the poetry, which is largely unread these days. Her public image is the wrong one — that of an eccentric old witch who terrified people. Her real self is in the poetry." The BBC has made a film of Hunter's *Facade*, which will be transmitted in November.

In recreating so strange and rare a creature as Edith Sitwell, Hunter is reassured by the fact that on first seeing her performance Francis Sitwell declared: "That is my aunt."

Peter Lewis

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Dog days and puppy love

Something peculiar is happening to the Swedes: they have stopped going on about sex and serious film-making and are now being exceedingly boring about dogs.

Bureaucracy is to Sweden as *hella figura* is to Italy and an increase in dog-ownership (up by nearly 70 per cent on a decade ago) has highlighted the comprehensiveness of the Swedish canine laws.

Naturally, dogs are taxable — in Sweden there seems to be a tax on everything except breathing — but, in spite of this, there is no national health service for animals. Perhaps there would be if the dogs paid taxes (about £60 a year) out of their own earnings. So dog owners are let in for health insurance for their pet and even life insurance.

There is more to come: under Sweden's responsibility laws, dog owners are liable for any damage done by tooth and claw (I am rather in favour of this) so that if their dog is run over and killed by a car they must pay to get the dents out of it (the car not the dog). I am

not in favour of this unless the Swedish government also gives out grants to cover the cost of the dog's funeral. Due to a surfeit of Ingmar Bergman films at an impressionable age, I am obsessed with the Swedish way of life, which I understand to be bureaucratic bleakness in a fight to the death with emotional instability. This was seen to advantage last week when 150 middle-class Swedish teenagers ran amok for four nights in Stockholm and social workers were immediately on the scene saying that the kids were bored and so were trying to make contact with the older generation.

The new Swedish devotion to dogs is running a predictable course. It would be unrealistic to expect Swedes to treat *Fido* with the debonair and casual attitude shown by the British towards anything with paws and a damp nose.

Swedes tend to over-react where their affections are concerned, so they take their dogs to dinner-parties, to work and out shopping. A recent survey (Sweden is very big on surveys) showed that one in three Swedes believes that dogs have as much significance (very Swedish, significance) as people. Nearly 10 per cent of the country's dog owners thought that "without a dog, I have nothing to live for". (Sweden is very big on the dramatic utterance too.)

The famous Swedish isolation-wish, as exemplified by Miss Garbo, has finally been put to flight by dogs. It figures: devote your emotional life to a dog and you will be spared the kind of hell that Swedish adults always seem to be giving each other, at least in Mr Bergman's movies.

The dog as emotional attachment is particularly Swedish. The dog as good

mate used to be particularly British but I have noticed a trend towards the dog as aggressive alter ego.

As I walk in London's parks I see fewer waddy little mongrels and more dogs in wolves' clothing: threatening-looking Alsatians, Doberman Pinschers and Rottweilers loping beside very mongrelly men.

I have a theory about this. Men are no longer allowed to display a natural nastiness; nowadays they are required to rustle up an omelette, change the baby's nappies and give up smoking. Since society disapproves of the mean and macho, they satisfy their need for manly display by parading around with the canine equivalent of Sylvester Stallone.

There is something odd about the sight of an eager-to-please young man, reeking of after-shave and wearing a designer windcheater, dragging a growling beast through the streets, but it is understandable. A case of love me, hate my dog.

charges come, then my heart goes out to these already disadvantaged children.

Perhaps someone should advise such foster mothers that, but for the convenience of being paid to bring up somebody else's child alongside their own in their own homes (as is often the case), they would have to go out into the big wide world to earn their livings — either of which is not usually available to the foster child's natural parent(s).

Can Mary Thornley imagine, I wonder, what it means to lose one's child, even for a short period, to another woman, through circumstances completely beyond one's control (such as mental illness)? If some unfortunate women were not forced to resort to such action, many of the Mary Thornleys of this world would be out of a job.

There is a great need today for deeply caring foster mothers, who are capable of viewing their whole situation in the round.

Why not ask one such foster mother (which should not be difficult) and ask her to reply to the very shallow and blinkered views of Mary Thornley?

From Catherine M. Money, Chobham, Surrey
Diane Vaughan's research into the breakdown of marriage (Monday page, August 3) was spellbinding. I am sure it provoked many hours of introspection from many readers; but I wonder if, in spite of her lengthy research, there aren't fundamental weaknesses in her conclusions.

To suggest that anyone who pursues an interest which they enjoy and which does not actively involve their partner is on the slippery slope to divorce must surely be fallacious. At this time of year, thousands of women who may have spent years of their lives dedicated to their husbands, home and children, are reaching for adult education brochures with a view to learning about something in which they have long held an interest but have not been able to consider.

Are all these women now to recoil in horror because a latent skill in macramé will lead to the divorce courts? I think not. Just in case, however, I shall try to involve myself more deeply in the finer aspects of contract law with which my husband is fascinated, but whose charms have so far eluded me.

You don't have to share to care

TALKBACK

From Mrs S.C.J. Clare, Holmesland Drive, Bailey, Hampshire

On the day on which you ran a story on the Kennedys (August 10), inventors of the famous *Clothes* mail order firm, explaining how they had had trouble with their new computer but are "now... over the hump", I received my order from them which I had placed five weeks before. Not only was it late arriving, but the parcel only contained two items, one of which I had not ordered at all, whilst an advice note explained that the remaining eight items I had ordered were "sold out".

My order had been in response to a "sale" catalogue, and had been posted within 24 hours of receipt. It would appear that it was ignored for some three weeks. What is more, their refund cheque,

which they claim is "in the post" is for considerably less than it should be, they having charged me for a jumper when (erroneously) sending a T-shirt.

May I suggest that I am now the one who has "the hump"?

From Mrs Judith Degen, Bellfield Avenue, Harrow Weald, Middlesex

As one who, but for the practical help and understanding of a relative, would have been in the same position as Shane's mother in Mary Thornley's article on fostering (Wednesday page, August 5), I was appalled at her hard and insensitive approach to the problem.

If hers is typical of the lack of understanding by fit and able foster mothers of the backgrounds from which their

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★ **THE ART OF SUCCESS:** Michael Kitchen as Hogarth in Nick Dear's excellent play about art, ambition and conscience. A transfer from Stratford.
Pit Theatre, Barbican Centre EC2 (01-638 8736). Tube: Barbican/Moorgate/Str. Paul's. Preview Aug 12-13, 7.30-10pm. Aug 14-15, 2.30-5.30pm. Press night Aug 19-20.30pm. Then in repertory. £7.50.

★ **BLESS THE BIRD:** Staggeringly staged revival of Wilfred Gowers' heart-warming. Jan Hartley has a lovely lady.
Sally Wells Theatre, Haymarket Avenue EC1 (01-778 8910). Tube: Aldwych. Mon-Sat 7.30-10.30pm, mats Fri and Sat 3-6pm, £2.50-£5.50.

★ **BRIGHTON BEACH MEMORIES:** Neil Simon's vivid recollection of a Brooklyn childhood. Waves of emotion. Julie Covington joins the cast in an NT transfer.
Aldwych Theatre, Aldwych, WC2 (01-836 6404, or 01-379 6233). Tube: Holborn. Mon-Fri 7.30-10.30pm, Sat 3-10.45pm and Sat 5-7.15pm, £4.50-£13.50.

★ **THE CANTERBURY TALES:** Michael Bogdanov's cheerily bewitched version of bewitching Chaucer.
Princes of Wales Theatre, Coventry Street, W1 (01-839 5987). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 8pm, £5.50-£12.50.

★ **COURT IN THE ACT:** Gorgeously Gabrielle Drake's elegant Michael Denison and dazzles Lee Montague in this gentle 1912 French farce.
Phoenix Theatre, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (01-826 2244). Tube: Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Fri 8-10.30pm, Sat 3-10.15pm, mats Wed and Sat 3-5.30pm and Sat 5-7.50pm, £5-£12.50.

★ **FOLIES:** Sondra's musical. In London at last, has Diana Riggs and Julie McKenzie leading a starry Shakespeare Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (01-379 5399). Tube: Holborn/Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Sat 7.45-10.15pm, mats Wed and Sat 3-5.30pm, £10-£20.

★ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS:** Tom Baker and Pauline Jameson in Priestley's evergreen about guilt among the gentry.
Westminster Theatre, Palace Street, SW1 (01-834 0233). Tube: Victoria. Tues-Fri 7.45-10.15pm, Sat 8.15-10.45pm, mats Wed and Thurs 2-5.30pm and Sat 3-6pm, £5-£11.50.

★ **KISS ME KATE:** After its national tour the RSC production opens in town with Paul Jones and Nicola McAuliffe.
Old Vic Theatre, Waterloo Road, SE1 (01-826 7616). Tube: Waterloo. Mon-Fri 7.30-10.30pm, Sat 7.45-10.45pm, mats Wed 2.30-5.30pm and Sat 4-7pm, £2-£17.50.

FILMS

★ Also on national release
★ Advance booking possible

★ **AN AMERICAN TAIL (U):** The adventures of an immigrant mouse in New York, relayed in sturdy, old-fashioned animation by former Disney artist Don Bluth (81 min). Cannon Baywater (01-229 4149). Progs 1.15, 3.30, 5.45, 8.40, 10.30. Progs 1.15, 3.30, 5.45, 8.40, 10.30. Progs 1.15, 3.30, 5.45, 8.40, 10.30.

★ **SERIOUS MUSE:** Caryl Churchill's searing musical play about the Big Bang transfers after a sell-out run at the Royal Court Wyndham Theatre, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (01-437 2623). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Thurs 8-10.30pm, Fri and Sat 8.15-10.45pm, mats Fri and Sat 3-6pm, £4-£13.50.

★ **THREE MEN ON A HORSE:** Marvellously funny and friendly betting comedy. Geoffrey Hutchings and company joined by Royal Wicket for this National Theatre transfer.
Vaudeville Theatre, Strand, WC2 (01-836 9889). Preview Mon-Fri 8-10.30pm, Sat 8.15-10.45pm, Wed 3-5.15pm and Sat 5-7.15pm, £4-£11.50.

★ **UP ON THE ROOF:** Three steps down Memory Lane, 1975, 1980, 1985, as five students learn the ups, downs and co-ops of adult life. Clever performances.
Apollo Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 2623). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Thurs 8-10.45pm, Fri and Sat 8.15-11.15pm, mats Fri and Sat 5-7.45pm, £4-£12.50.

★ **WHEN I WAS A GIRL I USED TO SCREAM AND SHOUT:** Dawn French and Sharon Duce as two adolescent girls eagerly entering the remarkable world of Scottish sex. Generally successful transfer from the Bush.
Whitehall Theatre, Whitehall, SW1 (01-830 7765, or 01-379 6565). Tube: Charing Cross/Embankment. Mon-Thurs 8-10pm, Fri and Sat 8.45-10.50pm, mats Fri and Sat 8-9pm, £2-£13.50.

★ **THE MAGIC TOYSHOW (15):** Self-conscious and hermetic adaptation of Angela Carter's story about three children sent to live with their sinister uncle, a puppet master. With Tom Bell and Caroline Martin, directed by David Wheatley (107 min).
2 Camden Place (01-486 2443). Progs 1.50, 4.05, 6.25, 8.50, 10.30. Progs 1.50, 4.05, 6.25, 8.50, 10.30.

★ **THE MAN FROM MAJORA (15):** The Swedish judicial system comes under attack in this tense thriller from Bo Widerberg, director of *Ensa med en flicka* (1985 min).
Canon Cinema (01-439 4770). Progs 1.30, 3.45, 5.55, 8.05, 10.15.

★ **PEE-WEES BIG ADVENTURE (U):** Pee-wee is a child in an adult's body, in pursuit of his bliss. With comic Paul Reubens as the questing hero.
Screen-On-The-Green (01-226 5220). Progs 2.05, 4.15, 6.30, 8.55, 10.30. Progs 2.05, 4.15, 6.30, 8.55, 10.30.

★ **POLICE ACADEMY IV:** Further lame adventures of the oddball police force from the nit comedy of 1984, with Rodney Dangerfield, Bubba Smith and Michael Winslow. Directed by Jim Drake (87 min).
2 Camden Place (01-486 2443). Progs 1.10, 3.30, 5.40, 8.55, 10.30. Progs 1.10, 3.30, 5.40, 8.55, 10.30.

★ **RADIO DAYS (PG):** Woody Allen's surreal, gleeful parody of Brooklyn families, broadcasters and Manhattanites sharing hopes and dreams at the end of the 1920s. With Allen, Cyndie Lauper, West and Seth Green (89 min).
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OUT OF TOWN

★ **LEICESTER:** Kip's Wan Carl Davis adventure musical: some evocative discoveries, funny things happen in the woods.
Haymarket Theatre, Belgrave Gate (0353 559787). Mon-Fri 7.30pm, mats Sat 4pm, £2.50-£7.50.

★ **SCARBOROUGH:** Speaking: The story of the punkish love musical, catchy title song.
Stephen Joseph Theatre in the Round, Scarborough (01723 370541). Tonight 8.10-10.50pm, £4.50.

★ **STRAITFORD:** Twelfth Night: Straightforward production in Greek maze setting. Anthony Sherie an eye-rolling Malvolio.
Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford (01793 259223). Mon-Sat 7.30-10.30pm, £5-£15.50.

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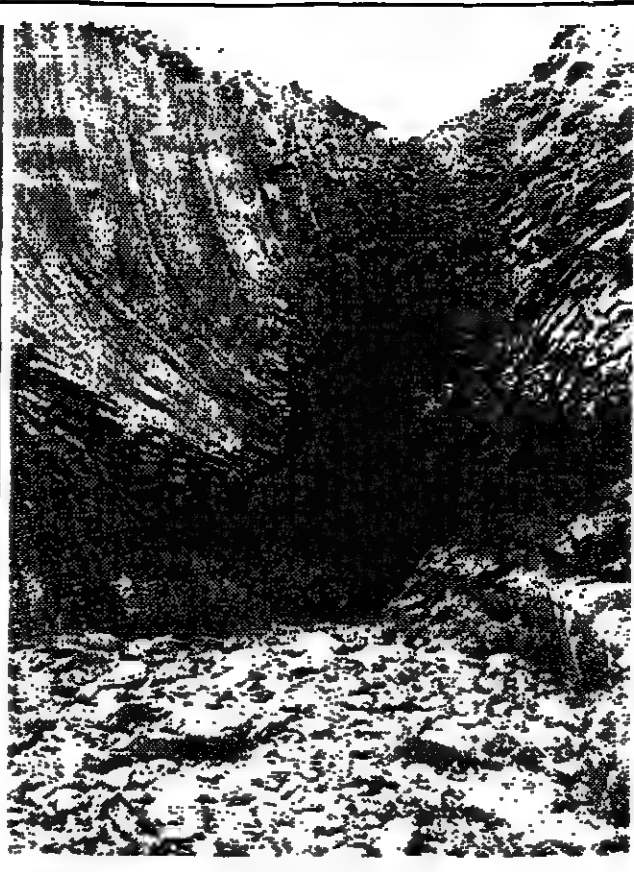
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The island of Staffa has long been an inspiration to artists. Mendelssohn was allegedly so moved by the island's cathedral-like Finghies Cave (pictured above) that the stirring opening bars of the Hebrides Overture came to him immediately.

Now two contemporary artists, Ian McKeever and Thomas Joshua Cooper, have followed in this distinguished tradition. They were commissioned to visit the island, usually inhabited only by colonies of cormorants and puffins and a few cattle, to record their impressions.

Cooper, whose previous photographs have been taken in similar places has made a characteristically contemplative body of work. McKeever, who normally paints on blown-up landscape photographs, produced an enormous tableau. Their Staffa Project begins an international tour today at Harris Museum and Art Gallery, Market Square, Preston (0772-58248). Mon to Sat, 10-5pm, free, until September 26.

★ **OSDON HAYMAKER (01-930 2788).** Progs 1.15, 3.45, 6.15, 8.45.

★ **SOMETHING WILD (15):** An insatiable lady takes a yuppie for a joyride, then her ex-con husband intervenes. Jonathan Demme's a cold thriller bulges with good things and trendy music, but needs a pair of scissors. With Jeff Daniels, Melanie Griffith and Ray Liotta (113 min).
Canon Cinema (01-439 4770). Progs 1.15, 3.30, 5.40, 8.55, 10.30.

★ **THE MAGIC TOYSHOW (15):** Self-conscious and hermetic adaptation of Angela Carter's story about three children sent to live with their sinister uncle, a puppet master. With Tom Bell and Caroline Martin, directed by David Wheatley (107 min).
2 Camden Place (01-486 2443). Progs 1.50, 4.05, 6.25, 8.50, 10.30.

★ **THE MAN FROM MAJORA (15):** The Swedish judicial system comes under attack in this tense thriller from Bo Widerberg, director of *Ensa med en flicka* (1985 min).
Canon Cinema (01-439 4770). Progs 1.30, 3.45, 5.55, 8.05, 10.15.

★ **PEE-WEES BIG ADVENTURE (U):** Pee-wee is a child in an adult's body, in pursuit of his bliss. With comic Paul Reubens as the questing hero.
Screen-On-The-Green (01-226 5220). Progs 2.05, 4.15, 6.30, 8.55, 10.30.

★ **POLICE ACADEMY IV:** Further lame adventures of the oddball police force from the nit comedy of 1984, with Rodney Dangerfield, Bubba Smith and Michael Winslow. Directed by Jim Drake (87 min).
2 Camden Place (01-486 2443). Progs 1.10, 3.30, 5.40, 8.55, 10.30.

★ **RADIO DAYS (PG):** Woody Allen's surreal, gleeful parody of Brooklyn families, broadcasters and Manhattanites sharing hopes and dreams at the end of the 1920s. With Allen, Cyndie Lauper, West and Seth Green (89 min).
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roots music, begins with the winners of both the group and dance band sections of this year's Folk Roots magazine poll.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-828 3191) 7.30pm, £2-£4.

★ **HEAD:** The butty-boys from Bristol, led by ex-Rip Rig & Panic member Gareth Sager. They mix elements of punk, rock, folk, folk and a low sense of humour to conjure the musical equivalent of a kick on the funny bone. Dull it isn't!
Maida Woodhouse, Adelaide Street, Swansea (0782 54131)

★ **FOR CHILDREN**
PUPPETS IN THE ROYAL PARKS: Today until Saturday at 11.00am and 3.00pm, Professor Percy Press II with Punch and Judy in Kensington Gardens. The Little Company Puppet Show at St Marylebone Green, Regents Park, NW1; and at 8.30am and 2.30pm, Derek Carpenter's 'Mare and the Animals' at Greenwich Park, London SE10.

★ **WATER SAFETY:** National Park Ranger Gary Harding gives a demonstration for children and families of what to do and not to do, on or around water. The City Lakes District National Park Visitor Centre, Brooklands, Weybridge, Surrey (0181 626 6901). 3.00pm. Admission 50p. Under 5s free. £1.40-£1.70 Under 5s free.

★ **PIED PIPER THEATRE COMPANY:** Children's show - Captain Jack and the Beanstalk and the Island of Music.
St Paul's Church, London SE17 (01-830 0000). Sunday, Gardens, SE17, 3.00pm. £1.00-£1.50 Under 5s free.

★ **PARENTS AND TODDLERS MUSIC GROUP:** An opportunity for 2½-5 year olds and their parents to explore music in an informal way with percussion, musical games, rhymes, and action songs. Younger children welcome to observe.
Horniman Museum and Library, London Road, Forest Hill, London SE23 (01-855 1255 ext. 171). Today until August 22, daily 2.00pm to 4.00pm. 25p per session.

★ **GEOLGICAL MUSEUM - SCIENCE FESTIVAL:** The week's topics include rocks, minerals and fossils. Today's film at 11.00am and 1.15pm is *Looking at Rocks* followed by an illustrated talk at 2.00pm. The Rock Cycle. Check place availability with education department. Priority given to advance bookings.
Natural History Museum, Exhibition Road, London SW7 (01-589 3444). Admission to Museum Adult £1, child 50p.

★ **DAVID MACH:** The Scottish sculptor begins making a new work in the gallery from three car wrecks and 30 inflatable sea-ions. He encourages questions and answers. The gallery, Brighton Polytechnic, Grand Parade, Brighton (01273 604141). Mon-Fri 5-8pm, free, until September 12.

★ **FROM PEN TO PLATE:** The mythical London Orchestra in programme presented by Aled Jones, with works by Humperdink, Prokofiev, Mozart and Beethoven. Aug 30.

★ **ANITA KLEIN:** Woodcuts and drypoints by a printmaker whose principal subject is motherhood.
Leigh Gallery, 17 Leigh Street, London WC1 (01-842 5177). Mon-Sat 10-6pm, free, until August 29.

★ **TOOTS & THE MAYTALS:** Frederick 'Toots' Hibbert, the Jamaican singer who coined the word 'reggae', now appears with his daughters Melodie, Leola and Janique as his backing vocalists.
Gardiner Centre, University of Sussex, Falmer, Brighton (01273 658561) 7.15pm, £2.

★ **THE OYSTER BAND:** A week of varied entertainments, celebrating the increasing interest in folk and

★ **ALL VIVIANE:** With the Viviani Concerts under Joseph Viviani. Directed by Joseph Viviani. Viviani's Violin Concerto Op 4 No 6 from La Stravinskaya, Violin Concerto Op 3 No 6 from L'Espresso, Violin Concerto Op 2 No 6 from L'Espresso, Violin Concerto Op 1 No 6 from L'Espresso, Violin Concerto Op 0 No 6 from L'Espresso.

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

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BBC1

6.00 **Crests AM.**
6.35 **Edgar Kennedy in Art in the Raw (b/w)** **6.55** **Weather.**

7.00 **Breakfast Time** with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson, Jeremy Posen and Pamela Armstrong. Includes national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30, regional news and travel reports at 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25.

8.35 **The Pink Panther Show.** Cartoons (r). **8.55** **Regional news** and **weather.**

9.00 **News** and **weather 9.05** **Children's BBC.** Magazine programme presented by Simon Potter, beginning with a **Boys Cat cartoon** (r) and including at **9.30** **Harbort.** Tony Hart's series on making nature (r).

10.00 **News** and **weather 10.05** **Neighbours (r).** **10.25** **Play School** (r). Followed by **The Posters.**

10.55 **Five to Eleven.** Featuring children from Twyford Church of England High School. **11.00** **News** and **weather 11.05** **Zorro's Fighting Legion (b/w)** **Episode** three of the eight-part off-diffuser series. Followed by a **Cartoon 11.35** **Video Active.** Advice for home video makers (r).

12.00 **News** and **weather 12.05** **Bonanza.** The Cartwrights help a newspaperman prove his story that a government official is corrupt (r). **12.35** **Regional news** and **weather.**

1.00 **One O'Clock News** with Philip Hayton. **Weather.** **1.25** **Neighbours.** Who is it to be for Daphne - Shane or Des? **1.50** **Peter and Paul.** The first of a two-part film tracing the beginnings of the Christian church through the eyes of two men - Peter and Paul. Starring Anthony Hopkins and Robert Cowett (r). **2.00** **One of the Family.** Pigeons as pets (r). **3.45** **Swim.** Elementary diving (r).

4.10 **Leslie (r).** **4.35** **The Voyages of Dr Doolittle (r).** **4.55** **Newsround** with Roger Hirst, Helen Rolleston and John Brown.

5.05 **Treasure Houses.** Mark Curry visits a tiny museum within the regiment security barracks of the Intelligence Corps in Kent (r). **5.35** **The Flintstones.**

5.50 **Black and White.** With Nicholas Witchell and Andrew Harker. **Weather.**

6.35 **London Plus.**

7.00 **Wogan.** Selina Scott sits in this week for the holidaying Terry and her guest list this evening includes Rudolf Nureyev (from Edinburgh), Queen of Aberdeen, Jill Ireland and Nigel Pivaro.

7.35 **Head of the Class.** American comedy-series starring Howard Hesseman as a teacher of a class of socially obnoxious young people.

8.00 **The Rock 'n' Roll Years.** 1978 - the year *The Times* stopped printing; the unions rejected the Labour Party's five per cent pay offer; and there was an oil fire in Dorset. *Newsnight* memories are provided by, among others, Biondie, Police and Ian Dury and the Blockheads.

8.30 **Tony and June.** June's fairy-tale dream, recounted over Sunday breakfast, becomes a reality by the afternoon. (Ceefax)

9.00 **Miss O'Clock News** with Julia Somerville and Andrew Harker. **Regional news** and **weather.**

9.30 **Presley.** The second of a two-part biography. (Ceefax) (see Choice)

10.20 **Lovejoy.** The first of a ten-part series starring Ian McShane as an antiquares dealer with a nose for a bargain as well as trouble. (r).

11.15 **Late Night in Concert.** The African trumpeter Hugh Masekela and his band recorded at the SOB's club in New York (r).

11.45 **Weather.**

BBC2

6.53 Dogma University: Maths -
Geometry Theory. Ends at 7.30.

6.59 Cee-az 1.20 Holiday Colony. A
See-Saw programme for the
young (R). 1.25 Cee-az.

7.00 News and weather followed by
Sergeant Major's programme
for the hard of hearing (R).

7.25 Songs of Praise from Ludlow
Castle (R). (Cee-az)

7.30 News and weather followed by
Only a Game? The first of a new
series dissecting the game of
football. First shown on BBC
Scotland.

7.55 News and weather followed by
regional news and
weather.

8.30 Fare: The Affairs of Annabel
(1936, b/w) starring Lucille Ball
and Jackie Coogan. Comedy
about a scotch-bread actress
who is totally under the
influence of her smooth-talking
agent who persuades her to
act out her roles in real life.
Directed by Sam Ricketoff.

9.05 Undercurrents (R).

9.20 One Village in China, in this
first of three films about life in the
Chinese countryside the
director of a small-scale task
force is about to lead

marriage, husbands and raising
children (R).

9.30 Fare: The Selling Band (1961,
b/w) starring Norman Wisdom.
When grocer Norman Finkle's
love life crumbles he joins the
Royal Navy in a bit of pique.
Directed by Robert Asher.

7.35-SC - Greek Entanglement.
The story of the Special
Operations Cypriot
exploits in occupied Greece (R).

9.35 Star Cops. Past seven and
three embryos are stolen from the
Mooneebus hospital and the
woman whose torturer they were
going to inherit decides to
track down the thief in any way
possible. (Cee-az)

9.50 Star Cops: The Carriers
Talk, by Nicola Smith, (see
Choice).

10.10 The Law After Sympathiser. An
Out of Court special presented by
Ed Boyle examining what
should be the proper balance
between the right to publish
and the need to protect the
national interest.

10.40 Newsnight 11.25 Weather.
11.40 Star Cops Holiday by
the Sea. Ends at 12.00.

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6.00 TV-am introduced by Caroline Righton and Richard Keys. News at **6.00** and **6.30** weekdays at **6.55**; financial news at **6.55**; sport at **6.40**; and exercises at **6.55**.

7.00 Good Morning Britain presented by Key Burley and Richard Keys. News at **7.00**, **7.40** and **8.30**. **8.30** cartoon at **7.55**; sport at **7.40**; pop music at **7.55**. Plus, Jimmy Greaves's television highlights.

8.35 Wacaday with Timmy Mallett and Michaela Strachan.

9.25 Thames news headlines.

9.30 *Gregory (r)*. **10.30** *Spidey*. **10.35** *Bay*. Drama series set in Canada's frozen northern wastelands (r). **10.30** *University Challenge*. University College, London, versus St Anne's College, Oxford.

11.00 Affie Atkins (r). **11.10** *Let's Pretend*. **11.15** *The Man Who Needed New Clothes (r)*. **11.25** *Thames news headlines.*

11.30 One and All. The difficulties faced and the achievements of a multi-racial jazz band and a charity providing transport for disabled personnel in the developing world. **12.00** *Winner Takes All*. General knowledge quiz.

12.30 News 12.30 Thames news.

1.00 Film: Bottoms Up (1960, b/w) starring Jimmy Edwards and Arthur Howard. Comedy about a headmaster of a school that is under threat of closure after being investigated by the Marquis. Directed by Mario Zampi.

2.45 Looka Familiar. Denis Norden reminisces with his guests, Larry Gelbart, Julie Wilson and David Blair. **3.00** *Thames news headlines 3.00* *The Young Doctors*. Medical drama serial set in a large Australian city hospital.

4.00 *Life on the Tum*. Village tales for children (r). **4.10** *Ball the Minder*. Cartoon series (r).

4.20 Worldwide. Travel quiz with Emma Freud and Bharti Patel.

4.45 *Demarcation*. Telling for Elvis, by Tyler Norton. A group of fans wait at Prestwick Airport to see their idol. Will they be lucky? (r). **(Oracle)** **5.15 Adventurer**. Manfime adventure serial.

5.45 News 6.00 Thames news.

6.25 *What It's Worth*. Consumer advice from Penny Jurou and David Stafford.

6.35 Crossroads.

7.00 The Grand Tour. Nicholas Gecks continues in the footsteps of an 18th-century traveller and reaches Rome.

7.30 Coronation Street. An old face in a new image turns up at the Rovers. **(Oracle)**

8.00 Name That Tune. Music quiz presented by Lionel Blair.

8.30 On the Manor. The third film in the series about life on Sheffield's Manor Estate.

9.00 Space. The concluding episode of the drama serial based on the novel by James Michener. **(Oracle)** (continues after the news).

10.00 News at Ten and weather followed by Thames news headlines.

10.30 Space continued.

12.30 *1 Spyz*. Vintage American espionage series starring Robert Culp and Bill Cosby.

1.30 Thames Sport Extra. Boxing: Duane Thomas versus Lupo Aquino; and Jose Luis Ramirez against Terrence Allie in St. Tropez.

2.30 *News headlines* followed by *Taxi*. American comedy series about the drivers of New York's Sunshine Cab Company.

3.00 Film: The Picture of Dorian Gray (1945, b/w). Directed by George Sanders. Oscar Wilde's tale of the man who never grows old, only his portrait. Directed by Albert Lewin.

5.00 Donahue. Phil Donahue talks to divorced couples who still have sex together. Ends at **6.00**.

CHANNEL 4

- 2.30** **Edouard Manet, A**
documentary, filmed in Paris, celebrating the life of the 19th-century French painter (r)
- 3.00** **Old Country.** Jack Hargreaves wanders along the banks of the west country's River Tarrant. (r).
- 3.30** **The Irish RM.** A maharajah and his polo team visit Skobawn and play a match with the major's team which ends in chaos when a horse bolts (r).
- 4.30** **Countdown.** Friday's winner is challenged by Mark Preston from Eire.
- 5.00** **Hogan's Heroes.** Vintage American comedy series about a resourceful group of Allied prisoners-of-war.
- 5.30** **Abra-cadabra.** Tunnel digging is the subject of this week's edition of the learning-made-run series.
- 6.00** **Scene Differences.** Magazine programme of interest to the disabled, this week examining public transport for disabled people in the United States, Sweden and the United Kingdom.
- 6.30** **So We Bought a Computer.** Part four: how graphic images are created and stored on computer. (Orange)
- 7.00** **Channel 4 News.**
- 7.50** **Comment and Weather.**
- 8.00** **Brookside.** The wedding reception ends in a flurry of missiles; a robbery with violence is attempted; and Pat has to try and quickly get back into the band.
- 8.30** **Lou Grant.** Lou agrees to be guest speaker at Jose Rosell's journalism class only to discover they are a bunch of tough prisoners angry at the shut-down of their newspaper.
- 9.25** **Kate & Allie.** Comedy series about two divorcees who pool their resources and share a Greenwich Village apartment.
- 9.55** **4 Minutes Hard.** A man leaves a box outside a house and the resident opens it (r)
- 10.00** **Hill Street Blues.** Furillo refuses to make an immunity deal with a bent policeman in exchange for names. Last in the series.
- 10.55** **The Eleventh Hour.** Notorious hoodlums. A film illustrating the repression that is happening world-wide. Ends at 12.35.

Victims of the shadow

TELEVISION CHOICE

● **ScreenPlay Firsts** (BBC2, 9.30pm) is a season of five short films by directors mostly from the National Film School or the Royal College of Art. *Carless Talk*, which won the award for best short film in 1983 from the British Film Academy, is set during the Second World War and conforms to the recent dramatic pattern, set by such pieces as *Licking Hitler*, *Rainy Day Women* and *The Imitation Game*, of dealing with some of the more shadowy areas of British policy. Noella Smith's film dramatizes the options available to those foreign women who found themselves interned by the British as a security measure: deportation to one of the Crown colonies, repatriation, or internment for the duration of the war. The specific conflict revolves around a German boy with Downs Syndrome. His mother wants to take him back home and refuses to believe that the Nazis have a policy of discrimination against such people. The woman who tries to dissuade her is Jewish. Shortcuts will be gained on general atmosphere (it was shot off-season on the Isle of Man), much less so on specifics. The script also refuses the



Behind barbed wire: Sarah Collier as Lotte in the ScreenPlay film *Careless Talk* (BBC2, 9.30pm)

duty. "This is the sharpest jape I've ever seen," said his inspecting officer, Elvis, we learn, had even polished the exhaust pipe. One of the problems here is that many anecdotes are similarly dull because Presley was on the way to becoming a ghost of himself. Today, his early television appearances have faded to take on the weird look of bad '60s photoshops. But some of the less vivid a better impression of him than countless bad movies in perfect Technicolor: this duplicated quality suits a man whose misfortune was to become more famous for what he represented than what he was. It reduced him to an approximation, and excessive duplication made him more or less meaningless. The boredom was insidious. His former wife, Jessica, told me, "I merged with dignified toughness, grammar, recalls the shopping. 'It got so I knew the stock better than the staff. I kept thinking, 'It's not possible to shop this much.' Her husband was an acquisitive man, of no great taste, although his choice of her was an exception. "Did you see the bone structure on her face?" he asked a friend upon first seeing her as a teenage girl. He was also an addict, although the drug taking is glossed over, and his obsessiveness is summarized by his demand for meatloaf every night for dinner. "I was a meatloaf addict" by most of those on display, he surrounded himself with the sort of people who would drive anyone to meatloaf, though some have an unintentional way with words: "Was there anything I couldn't stand about him? I can't think of anything. He was bad-tempered and possessive. No, I can't think of anything". The sad waste is that Presley was quite capable of mocking himself. As he told a friend: "I get into my pants one leg at a time, just like you."

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Jaws — without the yawns

RADIO CHOICE

Nigel Andrew writes: Jesse Jackson, the black Presidential hopeful ("The Last Number One in the polls") would probably make a good subject for Anthony Clare's *Chair*. He is a remarkable man with an interesting background. But under Anne Brown's mild questioning in *American Eyes* (Radio 4, 7.30pm) Jackson, ever the preacherman, indulges in a deal of sonorous phrase-making, without telling us very much about himself. He makes it clear that his religious beliefs and political ideas are closely interwoven, but all they seem to usher in is pious and woolly prescriptions — "humane priorities at home and human rights abroad", etc. His hostility to "the media" (a singular noun to both him and Ms Brown) sounds almost English but for the occasional, but utterly, the barnstorming, American politician. As the interview ends and the music fades in under



**Colin Blakely: Moby Dick,
Radio 4, 7.45pm**

his closing speech ("We can be the light on the hill, that can cast light into the dark places"), it all sounds strangely like an election broadcast.

● **Peter Davalle writes:** Nobody, ever, is going to make a totally acceptable adaptation of Melville's *Moby Dick* because, for one thing, you are not going to get two people to agree on whether the adventure yarn should come first (as it did in the John Huston

VARIATIONS

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 News Today 6.00-6.10 Golt
 The 1987 Wales Professional Championship 6.10-6.50 News and weather
 Scotland 6.50-7.00
 Racing Scotland. NORTH NEWS 7.00-7.15
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News on the hour. Cricketer
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Moore 7.30 Derek Jackson 9.30
Ken Bruce 11.00 Jimmy Young
12.00 Alan Davey 2.05 Gloria
Humphreys 3.35 Adrian Love
5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Alan Dell
with Dance Band Days (at 7.30
Big Band Era) 8.30 Big Band
Special (BBC Big Band) 9.00
Humphrey Lyttelton with jazz on
record 10.00 Star Sound (John
Benson) 10.30 Hollywood's Oscar
Nights 11.00 Brian Matthew
from the Edinburgh Festival
1.00am Steve Madden 2.00-
4.00 A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

9:00 AM News 7, Add an hour for EST.
 6:00 Newsweek 5.200 Struggle for
 Independence 1.000 News 7.000
 Reflections 1.15 Calling home 3.00
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 Financial News 3.15 Money Page 3.45
 World Today 3.50 5.00 24 Hours 5.00

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6.35 Open University. Palladio: the ideal villa
5.53 *Antony and Cleopatra*, 7.4. News
7.05 Memorial Concert: Schubert (Symphony No 2 in B flat; Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Newmann)
Maurice Elgar (1859-1934): *Suite for Young Suite No 1*: LPO under Adrian Boult (Elgar) (Salut d'amour with soloists: John Pritchard, soprano, and Philip Mott, piano) **6.30** News
8.05 Morning Concert continued
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791): Brändel, with Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields, Debussy (Iberia: Amsterdam Concertgebouwe Orchestra under Bernard Haitink)
9.00 World Service News
9.10 This Week's Composer: Rossini (1855-1937), Jean Boguet (piano) plays *Deux heures passent*, Op. 1. Other works: *Deux poèmes chinois*, Op. 12 (Yvonne Chouteau, soprano, with Chacrya Phylipbaum, piano); *Le Marchand de sable qui passe*, Op. 13: Michèle Martin (C. Under Mann, piano), *Disparition*, Op. 6 (G. Radburn, piano, and Raicha Wind Quintet)
10.00 *Antony and Cleopatra*, 7.4. News
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C under Mann, and
Dissemination, op. 6 (G.
Ragnhuber, piano, and
Raicha Wind Quintet)

10.00 *Piano Recital: Bernard
Rimsky-Korsakov*
Haydn's *Sonata in C major*
and Schubert's *Sonata in A
flat*

11.00 *Edinburgh International
Festival 1987: Part One –
Meios Quartet play
Beethoven's Quartet in G.
On the 18th, 2nd Grosse Fuge in
B flat, op. 133. Love and
the Queen's Hall*

11.45 *Musical Times Past: Fritz
Sypski investigates the
British scene of Victorian
music, with extracts from
contemporary newspapers
and journals*

12.05 *Edinburgh Festival: Part Two
– Beethoven's Quartet in C,
Op. 59, No. 3 (Danzon)*

1.00 News

1.05 *BBC Welsh Symphony
Orchestra. Dzurkovic
Conductor: Hurskita, Op. 67:
Scherzo capriccioso, Op.
66; and Modhorn
(Symphony No. 5, under
Conductor: Alan Hughes)*

2.00 *Prom Talk*

2.30 *New Records: Elgar
(Can'tata: Scenes from the
Sage of King David, Op. 30
and Teresa Chel, soprano,
Philip Langridge, tenor,
Brian Raftery, cello, bass
and London Philharmonic
Orchestra and the Holst
(The Planets: Montreal
Symphony Orchestra under
Charles Dutoit)*

5.00 *World Service News*

5.00 *Country Joy Pleasures:*

Radio

LF (long wave): (g) Stereo on 6.00
6.55 **News**: 6.00 News
Briefing: Weather: 6.10
Farming: 6.25 Prayer: 6.30
6.30 **Today**: Inc: 6.30, 7.30,
8.30, 9.30, 10.30, 11.30, 12.30
News: 6.55, 7.55 Weather
7.00, 8.00 News 7.25,
8.25 Sport 7.48 Thought
for the Day
8.35 **The Week** on 4: trailers,
presented by Sean Maffett
8.42 **Nicely Nicely**: Sir King
two centuries of celebrating
his poetry and anecdote
narrated by Robert Powell,
and with a cast including
Roy Hattersley, Bernard
Cribbins and Prunella
Scales. Today: the Empires
6.57 Weather
9.00
9.05 **Noel Edmonds' Awayday**
(from Kewick) With
Stephen Pile and Mark
Munroe
10.00 **News**: Cat's
Whiskers: Children's
programme for the summer
holidays, with Bernard
Cribbins, Griselda Cann and
Jonathan Kydd. Includes
another instalment of
Rocxy's Suttuff's King
Arthur and the Knights of
the Round Table. Plus a
quiz and a competition
for the summer holidays
10.45 **Today**: Mary's
Convent, Wantage.
With Stephen Oliver
11.00 **News**: Down the River: Cliff
Morgan continues his
series 'Down the River'
(Wye. Today: from Bulth
Wells, through Llandnod, to
Hay-on-Wye)
11.50 **Today**: Presented
by Charles Tomlinson. With
Charles Tomlinson,
Elizabeth Bell and Anthony
Hyde
12.00 **News**: You and Yours.
Presented by Susan Rae
12.25 **'I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue**
(new series): Return of the
antidote to panel games
Wynne Evans, Ruston, Tim
Baker, Gaylor, Brian C. Cryer,
Graeme Garden and (as
question-master) Humphrey
Lyttelton. 12.55 Weather
1.00 **The World at One**: News
1.40 **Today**: The World at One
2.00 **News**: Woman's Hour: with
Jenni Murray. Includes a
feature on the twinning of
Marborough with a town in
Australia. Also, Alan
Bailey reads the third
instalment of Stella
Bingham's Charter and
Codicil
3.00 **News**, The Afternoon

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STOCK MARKET

(Change on week)

FT 30 Share
1785.3 (+58.4)

FT-SE 100
2295.4 (+69.2)

Bargains
38119 (57422)

USM (Datastream)
210.78 (+6.95)

THE POUND

(Change on week)

US dollar
1.5890 (-0.0235)

W German mark
2.9770 (-0.0190)

Trade-weighted
72.5 (+0.5)

US NOTEBOOK

American
dream on
the edge
of crisis

From Maxwell Newton
New York

The appalling trade figures for July indicate the irreconcilable conflict between the American appetite for economic growth and the nation's inability to save sufficiently to finance that growth.

The Federal Reserve is now moving into a head-on conflict with the force of economic growth. In July, while industrial production rose a strong 0.8 per cent, all the monetary aggregates recorded negative real growth. So far this year, all three monetary aggregates have shown negative real growth.

It is this unprecedented collapse of monetary growth that has supported the dollar and may continue to support the currency, despite the abysmal trade figures.

The Fed's policy has hit inflation hard. In July, the producer price index rose 0.2 per cent, the second smallest monthly increase this year. This policy is also no doubt largely responsible for the success of the Treasury auctions last week, when the sales went much better than the bond bears had expected.

Even the oil price is weakening markedly and further falls are expected in the light of emerging Opec over-production.

But the rise of 0.8 per cent in retail sales last month, after a rise of 1.4 per cent in June, with all of the acceleration due to higher car purchases, points to the chronic over-consumption that is driving the US deeper and deeper into debt.

With no leadership from Congress or the president on fiscal reform, the nation continues to drift towards a crisis, the seemingly certain outcome of years of over-consumption.

Analysts observing that between the first and second quarter of 1987 the average monthly trade deficit (even after adding in previously unaccounted exports to Canada) rose 13 per cent, have forecast another dollar crisis this year.

The only barrier to such an event is the Fed's policy. This year it has drastically reduced the incremental supply of dollars to the global financial system.

Mr Alan Greenspan is being given a sort of orientation course by Mr Paul Volcker, who is still working at the Fed. The new chairman will need all the guidance available as he is certain to face an early and severe test of his mettle.

The Fed's strategy this year has been to apply continuing steady downward pressure on monetary growth, while denying it is doing any such thing.

At the heart of the Fed's policy are two principal priorities — a stable dollar within a stable global currency market and a crushing of inflation.

The policy has certainly produced good results. Until Friday, the dollar was trading back where it was in January and the rise in commodity prices had been reversed. Wages growth remained minimal, even lower than last year.

But while America continues to give the ultimate priority to economic growth and over-consumption, the nation remains on the edge of crisis.

No clearer example could be given of the contrast between dreams and reality than the co-existence of the worst balance of payments crisis in the nation's history and the biggest stock market boom.

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Government told public industries are 'run on the cheap'

State chiefs
in pay revolt

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

The Government risks a revolt by chairman of nationalized industries over what most consider to be unjustifiably low salaries.

Ministers have been told they are paying only half the "rate for the job" in comparison with private sector salaries.

The chairmen have become even more disgruntled after the 21.9 per cent pay increase MPs awarded themselves last month. Top nationalized industry salaries have risen by only 6 per cent to 8 per cent in recent years.

Privatization, which has led to huge pay rises for chairman and directors, plus private sector perks such as share options, has highlighted the gap. "One state chief said: 'When a chairman gets a rise of £30,000 or £40,000 once his

corporation is sold into private hands it becomes clear that the country is getting its big public organizations run on the cheap."

Mr Jim Driscoll, director of the Nationalized Industries Chairmen's Group, now down to 15 members from a peak of 22, said: "There is a growing head of steam on our side and it seems there will need to be a collective approach at some stage."

With few exceptions, the salary for a full-time nationalized industry chairman is less than £80,000 a year. A job with equivalent responsibility in the private sector commands at least £150,000.

Of even greater concern, says the NICG, is the depressing effect that low chairmen's salaries has on those of other board members and directors

and the subsequent difficulty in recruiting top quality people.

At the Post Office, where the retiring chairman, Sir Ron Dearing, is paid less than £75,000, six of the 10 board members were paid less than £55,000 and three were paid less than £65,000. At British Telecom, three years after privatization, Mr Ian Vallance, the new chief executive, is paid £153,661. Sir George Jefferson, the chairman, received £136,338 and five other directors are paid between £90,000 and £115,000.

Another glaring example, say the chairmen, is that of the energy industries. Sir Denis Rooke at British Gas is now paid £110,000 while Sir Philip Jones and Lord Marshall, who run the much bigger electricity distribution and generation sectors, are paid less than £78,000.

Irreconcilable over salaries surfaced recently at the annual report press conference of British Coal. Sir Robert Haslam, the new chairman, is the top nationalized industry earner at £145,000, a figure he said was less than he earned in his old job at ICL. Sir Kenneth Couzens, the deputy chairman, said: "The country is getting this job done very cheaply."

Wide variations between chairmen's salaries dates from 1980 when the Prime Minister decided to exclude their pay from the Top Salaries Review Body.

Chairmen's salaries in Nationalized Industries

	1987	1986
British Coal (Sir Robert Haslam)	£145,000	£98,912
British Steel (Sir Robert Schey)	£125,988	£74,700
Post Office (Sir Ron Dearing)	£75,000	£70,000
British Nuclear Fuels (Sir Christopher Harding)	£88,700	£86,985
British Rail (Sir Robert Reid)	£78,822	£73,258
CEGB (Lord Marshall)	£76,548	£71,653
EEC Council (Sir Philip Jones)	£77,583	£78,048
British Shipbuilders (Mr John Lister)	£85,000	£83,636
Rover Group (Mr Graham Day)	£197,065	£75,000*

* Some industries have had a change of chairman in the two years.

Privatized Industries

	1987	1986
BAA (Sir Norman Payne)	£71,886	£71,122
British Gas (Sir Denis Rooke)	£109,446	£73,845
Rolls-Royce (Sir Francis Tombs)	£73,500	£65,900
BA Lord (Sir)	£52,740	£52,082
British Telecom (Sir George Jefferson)	£156,338	£172,208

* State-controlled. * Part-time

Touche may liquidate
four investment trusts

By Lawrence Levy

Touche Remnant, one of the leading fund management groups in Britain, is planning to overhaul its £2.5 billion investment trust operations.

At least four of the 11 investment trusts it manages — with net assets between £500 million — are expected to be substantially, if not fully, liquidated.

The proposals have been accelerated because of a takeover bid for the £230 million TR Pacific Basin investment trust from Thornton Management. Thornton is expected to issue its offer document this week.

Touche Remnant is owned by 10 of the 11 investment trusts it manages. Last month it dismissed Mr Peter Gray, its managing director, after a boardroom upheaval.

In response to Thornton's bid for TR Pacific Basin, it is formulating proposals that allow shareholders in the trust to realize the net asset value of their stakes.

These proposals will enable shareholders to liquidate their

holdings at their own pace by retaining, at least for the time being, the existing structure of the TR Pacific Basin investment trust.

Lord Remnant, the chairman of Touche Remnant, says the proposals are to be put to all 11 investment trusts. "The stance we are taking with TR Pacific Basin will be made available to all the other boards," he says.

Leading shareholders in at least four Touche Remnant investment trusts — TR Pacific Basin, TR North American, TR Australia and TR Natural Resources — appear keen to liquidate their holdings. Together these four trusts own 29.2 per cent of Touche Remnant.

Thornton Management is aiming to scupper the plans for TR Pacific Basin by offering shareholders just over 97 per cent of the net asset value of their holdings.

The list of nominee shareholders of TR Pacific Basin shows that the Merchant Navy Officers Pension Fund

has increased its stake in the trust since May 31 to just under 5 per cent.

Also increasing its holding since that date is British Empire Securities and General Trust — an investment trust in which the MNOFF has a stake of more than 23 per cent.

The MNOFF has also built up a stake of about 6 per cent in the TR Technology Investment Trust. Together with Ensign Trust, also managed by Mr Musson, the MNOFF has a stake of about 9 per cent in another Touche trust — Law Debenture Corp.

Mr Geoffrey Musson of the MNOFF, who is also a director of TR Property Investment Trust, says: "I have never felt that there is an easy way into Touche Remnant. I am not aggressive towards Touche Remnant but I am aggressive about upholding the value of our own situations."

The parent company of Thornton Management is the Jersey registered Thornton & Co.

Conran clamp on bid talk

By Our City Staff

The shutters have come down at the Storehouse high street empire which is being stalked by Mountleigh, the property company chaired by Mr Tony Clegg.

Sir Terence Conran, the Storehouse chairman, said yesterday that the company would be making no further

comment on the takeover speculation unless a bid actually materialized.

"Every paper has now had its bash," Sir Terence said. "We are not going to make any further comment unless there is a bid."

While the Press may be starved of further comment from Storehouse, the com-

pany is accelerating its rolling investor-relations programme, briefing institutional shareholders on the state and strategy of Storehouse.

Mr Jim Power of Storehouse said that meetings between the company and its shareholders had been very positive.

USM REVIEW

Market weathers the storm

By Michael Clark

Black Thursday and Grim Friday, which saw £25 billion wiped from share values, will take a long time to fade in the minds of most stock market traders. But it will have had special significance for those dealers on the Unlisted Securities Market who, since its formation seven years ago, must have often wondered how it would stand up to a prolonged bear market or sudden dramatic fall.

"There will be a bloodbath when the USM hits a bear market," is just one of the harrowing comments made frequently over the years by dealers and fund managers alike when arguing against investing in the USM.

But the feeling among most market-men immediately after the recent shake-out was that the USM had successfully weathered the storm.

This view was supported last week by a survey of the damage by Mr Geoffrey Douglas, a USM analyst, and his team at Hoare Govett, the broker. It revealed that the two-day fall had reduced the size of the USM by 10 per cent, valuing the total worth of the companies quoted on it at just less than £8 billion.

Mr Douglas reckons the Chancellor's action in adding 1 percentage point to base rates before most experts even

realized a problem existed in the economy ensured that the resulting purge was relatively mild. There is evidence to show that share prices on the USM were able to put up more of a resistance to the sellers than their fully-quoted counterparts. But the knock-on effect of the main market on the USM always takes a little longer to filter through. According to Mr Douglas, the FT-All Share Index was showing a fall of 2.2 per

cent on Thursday with the USM index down a mere 1 per cent. The following day the main market had lost a further 1.8 per cent, while the USM's fall had accelerated to 3.1 per cent.

Mr Douglas points out that there are several technical reasons for the USM's resilience compared with the main market. He says the USM has to be regarded as a longer-term market and, with an average free capital of £7.8 million, it would be difficult for institutional investors to trade out stock because it is virtually impossible to deal in size and would be completely counter-productive to the share prices concerned.

Hoare Govett's own small companies index outperformed the FT-All Share index

only once in the eight bear market years after 1955. "We would think that the main characteristics of the HGSC index are writ large in the USM," Mr Douglas adds.

But he also believes there is a weight of money argument with a growing number of fund managers specializing in smaller company funds who have found it increasingly difficult recently to allocate their resources. But he gives a warning: "There have been distinct signs of frothiness on the USM of late." Ratings of many of the speculative companies have been pushed up and are now looking vulnerable.

Investors' confidence has been tested and they will certainly start adopting a more cautious stance, which may mean that some of the gains achieved so far this year on the USM will be eroded.

But Mr Douglas does not appear to be too perturbed by this. "The USM should be more than able to hold its own, given its current broader base, greater institutional investment, the technicalities of the market and past evidence. There will always be demand for good quality growth situations," he says.

There will also be many dealers who experienced those two harrowing days, who will be only too happy to echo those sentiments.



Losers and winners on the pay ladder (clockwise from top left): Lord Marshall, Sir Ron Dearing, Sir George Jefferson and Sir Denis Rooke

M0 set to hit
top of target

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The continued credit surge in the economy will be the main focus for the markets this week, with the Bank of England due to publish a worrying set of money supply figures on Thursday.

They are expected to show that bank lending has continued to rise rapidly. The Government's narrow money measure, M0, will also move towards the top of its 2 to 6 per cent target range.

Bank lending is expected to have increased by about £3 billion last month, after the £3.9 billion increase in June.

But if the strength of lending of May and June, when it recorded a 33 per cent rise on the corresponding period a year earlier, continues, then the July figure would show a seasonally-adjusted increase well above £4 billion.

The Bank of England cited the strong rise in credit as the reason for the rise in base rates. A rise of 1 per cent or more for M0, which would take its 12-month rate of growth above 5 per cent, is expected.

The City, caught unawares by the 1 percentage point rise in base rates on August 6, and by last week's relatively well-behaved economic statistics, is likely to approach Thursday's money supply numbers cautiously.

The retail sales figures for July, published today, are expected to show a smaller increase in sales volume than the 3.2 per cent June rise. But even a 0.5 per cent increase

would put sales 6 per cent above their level a year earlier.

The July public sector borrowing requirement, published alongside second quarter gross domestic product figures, is expected to show a repayment by the public sector of more than £500 million.

The Government's finances will have been helped by the £480 million proceeds of the BAA sale and by strong corporate tax payments.

Kleinwort Grieson, the broker, predicts that the flat trend for the PSBR for the first four months of the financial year will lead to a substantial undershoot in the full-year borrowing requirement, compared with the Chancellor's £4 billion target.

Such an undershoot could result in what City economists see as the second leg of the policy-tightening implied by the base rate rise this month.

James Capel, in its UK Economic Assessment, published today, says: "If the Government is truly worried about the mix and pace of domestic demand, then the appropriate response should be a further tightening of fiscal policy and the shelving of any tax cuts planned for next March."

An undershoot of this year's £4 billion PSBR target could force the Chancellor to announce a target for next year's outturn, even though this would cut borrowing to below his desired minimum level of 1 per cent of GDP.

Debut for
Greenspan

Dr Alan Greenspan will tomorrow chair his first meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee since taking over as Federal Reserve Board chairman.

With US economic growth proceeding at a stronger pace than many analysts had expected, bringing with it signs of inflationary pressure, there is some pressure on the FOMC to signal a tightening of monetary policy. But the strength of the dollar since the world economic summit in Venice effectively rules that out at present.

Splitting CEBG
for sale 'will
cut efficiency'

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

Separating ownership of the national grid and England's main power stations would cut efficiency and could endanger electricity supplies in bad weather, Lord Marshall, chairman of the Central Electricity Generating Board, will argue in his attempt to avoid the CEBG being split for privatizing the electricity industry.

Opponents of the CEBG's continued monopoly have argued that separating the national grid from the CEBG is the key to introducing the extra competition wanted by Mr Cecil Parkinson, the Energy Secretary. It would open the way for competing base load generating companies to supply the area boards or for combined regional generating and distribution companies.

Lord Marshall, however, will stress the advantages of integrating the power stations and power transmission through the grid.

The CEBG argues that the ability of system engineers operating the national grid to order power stations to stop and start operations, according to demand and relative efficiency, allows the system to operate with only 20 per cent excess capacity, less than any other system in Europe, without endangering supplies.

When the original national grid operated separately be-

fore reorganization and integration, excess capacity was nearer 100 per cent.

The CEBG will also point out that if there were competing suppliers, efficient operation of the network transmission system would probably need complex contracts and might lead to some cost-plus charging.

Ownership of the power stations by regional boards, on the other hand, would undermine the merit-order system used by the national grid,

which ensures that supplies meet demand in order of power station efficiency.

Mr Parkinson has appointed independent consultants to advise him on a series of issues — including technical efficiency — about the future shape of the electricity industry, which he wishes to decide in principle by the end of the year before privatization.

The crucial arguments will probably be conducted during September and October.

The CEBG is anxious to remain in its present form, arguing that a degree of competition may be achieved by other means.

Morgan lawyers
in Guinness talks

By Our City Staff

Morgan Grenfell is understood to be negotiating with lawyers representing the Crown Prosecution Service over the Metropolitan Police Fraud Squad's wish to interview current and former Morgan executives.

Mr Michael Pescod of Slaughter & May, solicitor for Morgan Grenfell, is believed to have met lawyers from the CPS last week.

Morgan is understood to be concerned — particularly in the case of present executives — about the way the information they give may be used.

Morgan Grenfell was the merchant bank adviser to Guinness during its £2.7 billion takeover of the Distillers drinks company.

It resigned its position after the Department of Trade investigation which led to the departure of three key executives — Mr Christopher Reeves, Mr Graham Walsh

and Mr Roger Seelig. All three are being advised by their own solicitors.

The Crown Prosecution Service is advising the Metropolitan Police Fraud Squad which is conducting its own investigation into Guinness separately from the original Department of Trade inquiry.

The Fraud Squad wants to interview all three former Morgan Grenfell executives. However, there are also current Morgan Grenfell employees who may be able to assist the police in their inquiries. These are believed to be administrative and secretarial staff.

So far, the only charges brought by the police concern the alleged destruction of documents against Mr Ernest Saunders, the former Guinness chairman.

Mr Saunders, who has been remanded on bail, will reappear before Bow Street magistrates in London early next month.

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Woolworth aims for top spot with £150m expansion drive

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

Mr Geoffrey Mulcahy, group chief executive of Woolworth Holdings, would not be drawn at the weekend on what interest Woolworth might have in any part of Sir Terence Conran's Storehouse. Instead he disclosed new expansion moves which this year will pump about £150 million into store investment. Annual investment also looks likely to continue at a similar level.

Mr Mulcahy said: "It is a very exciting time for the group. There is a lot happening and the trouble we have taken over getting strategy well thought through and putting the right management in place is really paying off."

"Size is not the object but we can be much bigger. The idea is to have a group of retail businesses which are each specialists and market leaders — and highly profitable."

But on Storehouse he declined comment, although he did remark: "All those rumours surrounding us were at least a compliment to Woolworth and its management abilities."

The group, which includes the B & Q DIY chain and the Comet electrical stores as well as the Woolworth high street chain, has opened or refurbished more than 1 million square feet of sales space in the six months to July, said Mr Mulcahy. By the end of the financial year this will have



Specialist touch: Geoffrey Mulcahy outside a Superdrug store, part of his growing empire

risen to 2.5 million square feet involving more than 150 stores, more than 16 per cent of the total group store space.

A rapid expansion of the Superdrug high street drug-store chain, bought in March for £244 million, is now going on, with more than 60 new stores planned to open before the year end.

Most will be developed separately but 10 will be created by taking a Woolworth high street store and carving it in two, with Woolworth and Superdrug going into separate units with their own facias

and entrances. But existing Woolworth shops will be used only where they clearly fit the retailing criteria for the drug stores.

At the end of last week the group expansion programme reached what Mr Mulcahy regards as another important milestone with the opening of a Charlie Brown autocentre in Bury, Greater Manchester.

It is the first to combine the retail strategy of B & Q in autocentres — there are five of these — and that of the largely Yorkshire-based Charlie Brown car parts centres. The

42 Charlie Brown outlets were bought for £19.2 million last March.

All the autocentres will go under the Charlie Brown banner and a rapid increase is planned by 1990. The aim is to take a "significant" share of the £5.6 billion market in such things as tyres and exhausts together with servicing and vehicle valeting. About 200 autocentres are envisaged.

Sixteen Comet showrooms have opened or been relocated since February and another 11 new outlets are expected to

come on stream by the year end.

The two hundredth Comet store should open at Barking, Essex, next month. The openings will include six prototype Fitch-designed new concept Comets, the first due to be launched in October.

Two more Kidstores aimed at the child market are planned for the autumn to add to the London stores in Ealing and Lewisham. Woolworth is already market leader in toys.

B & Q, already clear market leader in DIY with about a fifth of the market, is still expanding rapidly, with 20 new stores opened so far this year. There are about 200 outlets now and by the end of this month nearly half will be using electronic point of sale equipment with its great gain in stock control to reduce warehousing to a minimum.

A big slice of the investment spending is going on B & Q which could have about 350 outlets eventually. Verdict, the retail consultant, has predicted the chain will be Britain's biggest single retailer by 1990.

Woolworth is finding new ways to use its large amount of high street space. Among a number of property developments, one large Woolworth store with an extensive stock room at Southampton is being turned into a £30 million shopping mall, a scheme in which Shearwater Developments is also involved.

ECONOMIC VIEW

Interest rate signal at the start of pay round

Last week's figures on average earnings from the Department of Employment were greeted by the City with some relief. It was not that they were good — they were just not any worse — and to market makers for whom everything is either a buy or a sell that was good enough.

Latest news from the pay databank of the Confederation of British Industry, however, makes rather more sober reading. Since the fall in settlements in manufacturing in the second half of last year there has been a definite pick up in the first six months of this year. From a low point in the fourth quarter of last year of 4.8 per cent the average settlement rose to 5 per cent in the first quarter and an estimated 5.3 per cent in the second. This is still well below the settlements of 6-6½ per cent recorded in every quarter during 1984, 1985 and the first half of 1986, but depending on productivity growth it could nevertheless threaten competitiveness and employment.

High pay settlements remain one of the unsolved problems of Lawsonism. The Budget incentives for profit-related pay may work a miracle by linking pay levels more strongly to economic performance, but for the moment Britain is still stuck with a labour market which responds only slowly and uncertainly to changes in economic conditions. In these circumstances the present level of settlements must be treated as a warning signal. As the Bank of England made clear in its *Quarterly Bulletin* last week, pay was one of the factors behind the decision to raise interest rates, and if there are further signs of acceleration that is bound to argue in favour of keeping the monetary hatches battened down.

With a new pay round just beginning it is particularly important that industry receives the right signals about the Chancellor's monetary and exchange rate policy. Mr Lawson is anxious not to undermine industry's competitiveness by letting sterling rise too far but nor is he prepared to take risks with inflation by letting it slip too far either.

The rise in interest rates and subsequent recovery in the pound against the mark was enough to remind employers that high pay settlements would not be paid for by devaluation. Indeed if the US trade deficit for June persuades Japanese investors to switch their attention to non-US markets on any scale then sterling could test DM3 rather sooner than anyone expected.

The importance of the CBI figures is that they act as a leading indicator in a way which the Department of Employment's average earnings figures do not. The average earnings figures reflect all the settlements made in the year before the month to which they relate. The CBI figures on settlements

show the trend in wages and salaries to be paid in the year ahead.

The Department's earnings figures also include a large element of wage "drift" partly reflecting the buoyancy of the economy leading to high levels of overtime working.

The big conundrum is how far high pay settlements will go on being paid for by higher productivity which is still rising rapidly. Last week's figures showed a slight slowing down from an increase of 6.9 per cent in the year to May to 6.5 per cent in June which was reflected in a small acceleration in unit wage costs year on year from 1.2 per cent to 1.5 per cent. But this is still a very rapid rise in productivity by past standards and leaves unit costs rising by less than a third of the present rate in Germany. There is nothing wrong with high pay as such — so long as pay rises are earned by higher output.

Part of the increase in productivity is simply the effect of higher output. Higher demand enables companies to produce and sell more without increasing their workforce and so output per head rises.

But there is also evidence of an improvement in the underlying trend. According to the Bank the underlying increase in manufacturing productivity is now probably 3-4 per cent, about twice the rate in the 1970s.

If this continues then even if the cyclical element in productivity gains diminishes next year with a fall in the rate of growth, as the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development and others predict, then unit cost increases caused by high pay settlements could be manageable.

This line of thought leads productivity optimists like Credit Suisse First Boston to anticipate no increase in inflation next year above the 3-4 per cent target for the end of this year.

There are, however, a lot of uncertainties. Economists usually assume that pay is determined by a trade-off between the modest financial benefit to the majority of employees of an increase in real wages and the large cost to a few of being made redundant. If this model approximates to reality then the resumption of growth in manufacturing jobs during May and June after several years of contraction, which was reported last week, will reduce the fear of unemployment and increase demands for bigger pay rises.

Rising pay increases and falling productivity, even if productivity growth remains high by historical standards, could be enough to nip the present high rate of growth in the bud. Hence the warning shot on interest rates.

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Economics Editor

Future of GM site in balance

By Robert Rodwell

General Motors is expected to decide within the next six weeks whether to close one of the two Belfast factories operated by its Fisher Body arm and to concentrate production at the other.

The decision, if made, will prove particularly contentious since the factory is on the Adelaide Industrial Estate beside the Catholic, job-short Andersonstown. The other site is in the more prosperous and strongly Loyalist Dundonald district on the eastern fringe of the city.

Fisher Body's stated intention, therefore, to transfer substantial numbers of its West Belfast workers to Dundonald if the plant is closed may be difficult to implement — particularly if shift work, meaning night travel, is involved.

About 120 workers have been made redundant at the West Belfast factory and a further 50 were temporarily laid off at Dundonald on Friday.

That is when Fisher Body hopes to introduce a passive restraint system into production to supersede conventional seat belts which Dundonald produces to supply all GM car assembly lines in Europe.

Difficulties in developing the passive restraint system have led to its production start-up being delayed.

The company and trade unions are to approach the Northern Ireland Industrial Development Board this week.

Cubans seek extensions on £85m debt to UK firms

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

A delegation of officials from debt-ridden Cuba has arrived in Britain to negotiate lengthy delays in the payment of up to £85 million the country owes British companies.

Whitehall officials are trying to identify the companies to prevent them accepting poor settlement terms. The Cubans are renowned for being among the toughest negotiators in the Communist world.

It is believed that about 250 companies, mostly small enterprises, have not been paid for goods delivered to Cuba. The officials are hoping to persuade them to agree to an extension of the debt for up to three years.

The group, from the Cuban Ministry of Foreign Trade, the National Bank of Cuba and various Cuban state enterprises, has made a courtesy visit to the Department of Trade and Industry. As a result, the DTI has placed newspaper advertisements saying it wants to hear "urgently" from British com-

panies with an overdue short-term debt of up to 360 days with the Cuban authorities.

The advertisements call on firms with outstanding debts with Cuba who have not contacted the Export Credits Guarantee Department or the DTI to telephone, in confidence, the DTI's Cuba desk in Victoria Street, London.

Britain has a healthy trade surplus with Cuba and last year exported goods worth about £60 million against imports from Cuba worth £8.6 million. Exports in the first five months of this year were down 13 per cent on a year earlier to about £20 million.

The visit by the Cubans, which follows similar attempts to restructure debts in other European countries, comes as Cuba is experiencing its most severe economic problems since the 1959 revolution.

In spite of uncertainties over payment, British companies have been keen to do business with Cuba, particularly as they do not have to face US competitors because

of the long-standing US trade embargo.

Executives from more than 100 British companies have taken part in trade missions to Cuba and earlier this year the London Chamber of Commerce said interest in Cuba was almost without precedent.

The Cuban delegation's interest surrounds short-term unsecured debt. Because the companies involved have not insured their business through the ECGD, there is no immediate official record.

A spokesman for the DTI said: "We think it would be helpful to companies to discuss with us their negotiations with the Cubans and so enable us to build up a picture of how others are faring."

The Cubans are expected to accept wide variations in the terms of negotiation, particularly if the company concerned is selling goods in high demand, such as medical equipment. Britain's exports to Cuba have been concentrated in the machinery sector, principally for sugar processing, chemicals and pharmaceuticals.

Quadrex in deal with B&C

Quadrex Holdings, the international moneybroker, is believed to have negotiated a deal to buy two subsidiaries of the Mercantile House financial services group from British & Commonwealth Holdings.

The Mercantile board has already accepted a £550 million offer from B&C. B&C is selling Mercantile's Alexan-

ders Laing & Cruickshank subsidiary to Credit Lyonnais.

Quadrex, which is 98 per cent owned by Mr Gary Klesch, is interested in Mercantile's MW Marshall & Co moneybroking subsidiary and the William Street US government securities business which Mercantile also owns.

It is understood to have put together a package for the senior managers of both Marshall and William Street which will give them substantial equity participation.

Quadrex owns 7 per cent of Mercantile House. Its £530 million conditional cash offer for the company forced B&C to increase its offer for Mercantile earlier this month.

Pleasing all the people...

One of the trickiest architectural assignments in London has been added to the growing portfolio of YRM, formerly known as York, Rosenberg, Marshall, and the first partnership in the profession to obtain a Stock Exchange listing. It has drawn up the plans for 3a Kensington Palace Gardens, which is being developed by Regalian Properties. It is a gem of a site, and was bought for £30 million an acre, the highest price ever put on a piece of land. YRM and Regalian are now awaiting a decision on whether their plans for what will be among the most exclusive residences in the world meet the approval of the Crown Estate Commissioners. As important could be the verdict of one of the local residents, the Prince of Wales. His views on modern standards of architecture are not dissimilar to those of Mrs Mary Whitehouse on Madonna, so these res's had better be pretty des. A decision on YRM's proposals, believed to allow for 20 apartments of 3,000 sq ft, selling for at least £2.5 million each, is expected within the fortnight.

Friendly word

The forced departure of Roger Seelig from Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank, in the wake of the Guinness affair does not mean his acknowledged skills at the takeover game are necessarily being wasted. They are reliably believed to have been made available in an informal manner to Sir Terence Conran,

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Warning: don't pick it

A rare and charming spin-off from the far from charming miners' strike has popped up at the Broadworth Colliery near Doncaster. To the delight of local naturalists, the wild flower known as Coral Necklace has been observed in the area for the first time. It grows in only a handful of sites

around the country, and one of these is in Kent. Favourite theory for the flower is that the seeds were brought up on the clothing of a flying picket from the Kent coalfields, who it will be remembered, got around a bit during the dispute.

who faces an encircling band of shadowy bidders for Storehouse, led by Mountleigh, the only one so far to have taken on anything like material form. But discreet Sir Terence, when asked about his relationship with Seelig, a former director of Habitat and once a close adviser to Sir Terence at the time of the Burton bid for

Debenhams and the merger with British Home Stores, would only say: "Roger Seelig is nothing to do with the company at all. He is a personal friend of mine." But a friend in need...

Gone fishing

Propaganda, the £250,000 one-tonner yacht that led the New Zealand team to victory in the Admiral's Cup this week and was also the winning individual boat in the hazardous Fastnet race, is owned by Adrian Burr, a director of quoted Chase Property Holdings, which changed its name from Wingate Property on Tuesday. Chase, which bought Wingate and Property Holding Investment Company last year, is 60 per cent owned by the New Zealand group Chase Corporation, of which New Zealand Burr is also a director. Burr, a keen sailor, nevertheless left the racing to harder souls and left for a holiday in Honolulu when the celebrations were over. Life certainly is tough at the top.



"Look, Jocasta, you can't be a yuppie and pretend to be an Elvis fan..."

West End opening

Spicer and Pegler, the chartered accountant, has long had a taste for elegant offices, its present City headquarters being one example at Friary Court, Crutched Friars, with its listings of marble and soaring water fountains. Now an early Georgian abode turned office is being tastefully refurbished at Bruton Street to give S&P for the first time a physical presence in the West End. The firm is all those fast-moving businesses in that part of town, from designers to entertainers and the rag trade to the media and leisure industries. Clive Bastin, a senior partner, said: "They are more volatile, of course, but that, rather than just early demise, can mean really fast growth and a float almost before you can turn round. Look at the way London has become the design Mecca — the Americans come here these days for design ideas." He jokes: "Any way accountants can work for the client on his way up and for the bank when he's on the way down." Bruton Street should be operational next month and, given S&P's hands-on approach, will have a disproportionately high number of senior staff, including six partners. It is part of a plan to open more offices in the London area, taking the present five to eight or 10. Recent openings around the M25 ring have been branches at Croydon, Uxbridge and St Albans; now prospecting is going on in the Docklands, Brentwood, Romford and the Stansted Airport area.

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George and Ira Gershwin acknowledged that some relationships are just never going to work.

The Gershwins, along with some of the world's greatest names in songwriting such as Cole Porter, Rodgers and Hammerstein, Gilbert and Sullivan and Noel Coward, had their music publishing interests handled by Chappell & Co.

Chappell & Co, the world's largest music publisher, is about to come under the control of Warner Communications, the record, film and television multi-national.

If these overtures are allowed to succeed, 80% of the UK popular music publishing industry will be owned by record companies [according to independent research by the Henley Centre for Forecasting]. SBK Songs would then be the only remaining major independent music publisher.

This cannot be good for the future of music publishing. Or for the songwriters and composers, whose interests publishers are obliged to protect. This is particularly true of writers who do not also perform.

The merger comes at a time when the forthcoming Copyright Bill proposes to abolish the statutory royalty rate for records, and new technologies are transforming the way in which music is reproduced. It is more important now than ever that the interests of composers and songwriters should be protected.

The following are just some of the areas in which the interests of songwriters and their publishers are in jeopardy.

- ☐ UK royalty rates for records have fallen since the abolition of recommended retail price in 1981 to only approximately 5.5% of retail price. Soon the statutory rate may also go.
- ☐ In EEC countries without a statutory royalty rate, the rates have fallen, on average, by 6% since 1981.
- ☐ The rates for Film and TV copyright usage are already negotiable and are generally even lower than for records.
- ☐ Major conflicts of interest arise within the music publishing industry negotiating committees [MPA, MCPS, MRS], many of whose members are employees of record company owned music publishers.
- ☐ The royalty rate for compact discs is substantially below the statutory rate.
- ☐ For US and Canadian sales, songwriters are frequently forced to accept reduced or zero record and film royalties. This trend is already starting to take root in the UK.

It has always been the traditional role of publishers to discover, develop and nurture creative talent, and to promote it as actively as possible. It is a role which is far greater than their perceived one of simply 'producing the sheet music'. Over recent years their role has been further extended to fighting on negotiating committees and in individual contract negotiations for fair rates and conditions for their songwriters.

The music publishing industry faces a crisis. The loss of Chappell's independence could considerably diminish the industry's already highly limited ability to control its own destiny.

The campaign believes that music publishers cannot always act in the best interest of their writers when owned by record companies.

If you are worried about who decides how much to pay writers for the use of their works in records, compact discs, music videos, compact video discs, digital audio tapes and satellite broadcasting, add your voice to the campaign and help prevent the take-over of Chappell & Co by Warner Communications.

There are other independent options.

Make a song and dance about it. Write to Sir Gordon Borrie at the Office of Fair Trading, and Francis Maude MP at the Department of Trade and Industry, insisting that the bid is referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

And ring 01 637 0441 for an explanatory leaflet to find out why it ain't necessarily so.

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School closure recommendation not a report

Regina v Kirklees Metropolitan Borough Council, Ex parte Molloy
Before Lord Justice Slade, Lord Justice Nicholls and Sir John Megaw
[Judgment July 27]

A bare recommendation from the education committee of a local authority relating to a school closure did not constitute a report, consideration of which was required, save where the matter was urgent, by paragraph 7 of Part II of Schedule 1 to the Education Act 1944, before the authority exercised any of its functions with respect to education.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by the respondent authority, Kirklees Metropolitan Borough Council, from the grant by Mr Justice Mann (*The Times* November 4 1986) of an order of certiorari to the applicant, Mrs. Melanice Molloy, to quash a decision of the council dated September 25 1985, by which the council proposed to close to maintain West Slatthwaite Church of England Junior and Infants School.

Miss Elizabeth Appleby, QC

and Mr Nicholas Huskinson for the council; Mr Robert Carnwath, QC and Mr Richard Allfrey for the applicant.

LORD JUSTICE NICHOLLS said that the issue was whether, as required by paragraph 7 of Part II of Schedule 1 to the Education Act 1944, the respondent council, before making their decision of September 25 1985, considered a report from an education committee of the council.

In January 1985 the council's director of educational services had prepared for the schools subcommittee a lengthy report outlining the circumstances at the school. The subcommittee resolved that there should be consultations and the education committee, and in turn the council, confirmed that resolution. The director's report having been available to council members.

Consultations then took place and the director prepared a further detailed report. That was submitted to the schools subcommittee which resolved on August 20 1985, that the chief legal and administrative officer should be authorized to publish a notice of the council's intention to cease to maintain the school.

The minutes of that meeting were confirmed by the education committee, and on September 25, after extensive debate on a proposed amendment, the council resolved that the minutes of that committee be adopted and confirmed.

The word "report" had several meanings or shades of meaning depending on its context. In paragraph 7 the context was a report from an expert committee: an education committee was required to include persons of experience in education and persons acquainted with local educational conditions.

It was a report to a body which might not include such persons, and it was that body which was required to exercise discretion, to exercise one of its educational functions.

Plainly the purpose underlying the statutory requirement in paragraph 7 was that the council, before doing so, should have the benefit of the expert advice of the education committee on the particular topic in question.

The report from that committee was the means by which the council was intended to be informed of those views. What was envisaged by a "report" in that context was an appraisal by the education committee of the matter under consideration, including its comments or views of the way ahead.

Where, as in the present case, the committee was making a specific recommendation to the council, in general, for the document to constitute the required report it must at least contain some explanation of the principal reasons or reasons for the recommendation. A bare recommendation would not suffice.

Particularly where a matter was known to be controversial the council was intended to be informed of those views. What was envisaged by a "report" in that context was an appraisal by the education committee of the matter under consideration, including its comments or views of the way ahead.

How detailed the statement of reasoning would need to be depended on the circumstances but in the ordinary way it would involve the necessary support of the council's officers.

Lord Justice Slade and Sir John Megaw delivered concurring judgments.

Solicitors: Sharpe Pritchard & Co for Mr M. R. G. Vause, Huddersfield; Ridley & Hall, Huddersfield.

In the present case all that came from the education committee was, by confirmation of the minutes recording the resolution of the schools subcommittee of August 20 1985, a recommendation in the terms of that resolution. That did not constitute a report from the education committee.

An education committee could, of course, adopt and incorporate by reference into its report some other document such as a report by one of the council's officers.

For a report to be "a report" from the education committee the committee had to be aware that it was being asked to consider making the document in question a report of that committee and had to decide to adopt it in whole or in part with or without amendment as its report. Nothing of that sort had happened in the present case.

Lord Justice Slade and Sir John Megaw delivered concurring judgments.

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Term of trust was misconstrued

In re Drummond Foster and Another v Foster and Others
Before Lord Justice Fox, Lord Justice Nourse and Sir Denys Buckley
[Judgment July 23]

The decision of Mr Justice Megaw in *Drummond Foster v Foster* (1986) 1 WLR 1096 (that the creation of a trust of capital was void for remoteness because it created the possibility of a person taking outside the perpetuity period was wrong because it was a vested interest in the construction of a term of the settlement).

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing an appeal by the defendants, Rosemary Foster and Eve Trafford, both beneficiaries interested under the settlement from the judge's decision that there was a resulting trust in favour of the settlor's estate.

A settlement in 1924 created a trust for the benefit of the settlor's three daughters. Each daughter had a testamentary power of appointment.

Solicitors: Clifford Otten & Co, Manchester; March Pearson & Skelton, Manchester.

exercisable in favour of her children and issue. In default of appointment there was a trust of capital for each daughter's share, in favour of her children at 21 and by clause 3(c) "in case there shall be no such child who shall live to take a vested interest in such share upon trust to pay transfer and divide such share equally amongst such of the daughters who shall then be living and the issue of any of them who may be then dead such issue taking their parents' share only on attaining the age of 21 years or marrying under such age."

On the trustees' summons, following the death of a daughter having no children, for the determination of whether the limitation in that clause was void for perpetuity, the judge held that it was as it raised the possibility of issue taking a vested interest 21 years after the death of the last surviving daughter.

Mr Mark Herbert for the plaintiffs, two trustees: Mr Robert Walker, QC, for the first and second defendants, the two surviving daughters; Mr Gavin Lightman, QC, for the third defendant, a personal representative of the settlor.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that the first question was the point of time referred to by the words in clause 3(c) "shall then be living". They referred to the date of the death of the daughter — not to the date on which the prior trusts of the daughter's share failed or determined.

Lord Justice Fox agreed with Lord Justice Nourse.

Sir Denys Buckley delivered a judgment concurring with the other two but for different reasons he would have allowed the appeal in part.

Solicitors: Walters Fladgate.

Payments to staff unlawful

Regina v Burton and Others, Ex parte Greater Manchester Redundant Body

Payments made to redundant staff of the Greater Manchester Council (GMC) authorized to be made on March 27 1986, pursuant to a decision of the GMC policy committee of the GMC on March 24 1986, in lieu of notice, subject to certain undertakings, were ultra vires and void and the staff had no right to such payments under the local severance scheme.

Those payments, totalling £1.3 million, were repayable by the GMC to the Greater Manchester Redundant Body (GMRB). Since the abolition of GMC on April 1 1986, all redundancy property rights and liabilities of GMC were vested in GMRB.

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LORD JUSTICE RALPH GIBSON said that what was nothing in the severance scheme to suggest that the heading "payments in lieu of notice" and references to that phrase did not have their ordinary meaning. In its existing form the scheme did not afford to the employees covered by the scheme the right to a payment in lieu of notice when their contracts of employment were terminated by the provisions of the Local Government Act 1985.

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Conduct is relevant to matrimonial award

Kyte v Kyte
Before Lord Justice Purchas, Lord Justice Nicholls and Lord Justice Russell
[Judgment July 23]

The court in exercising its jurisdiction to grant relief in matrimonial matters under section 25 of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973, as substituted by section 3 of the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984, was required to pay regard to such conduct of the parties during and after the marriage that it would be inequitable to disregard; that was only one of the factors the court was to take into account under the section.

The Court of Appeal so held, in a reserved judgment, allowing an appeal by the husband, Mr F. J. Burns, from the order of Mr Justice Ewbank sitting at Manchester on January 16 1987, who had allowed

an appeal by the wife, Mrs Diana Kathleen Kyte, from an order of Mr Registrar Gee dated October 7 1986.

The registrar had concluded that the wife's conduct had been such that it would be inequitable to disregard it. He ordered that she should have the whole of the interest in the matrimonial home transferred to her or the husband's interest should be transferred to him or to his nominee her shareholding in the husband's limited company. He then dismissed the wife's claim for periodical payments and lump sum.

The court restored the registrar's order.

Mr F. J. Burns for the husband; Mr M. P. Allweis for the wife.

LORD JUSTICE PURCHAS said that the court was entitled to look at the whole of the conduct including the conduct during and after the marriage which might or might not have contributed to the breakdown of the marriage or which in some cases might be inequitable to ignore the conduct of each of the parties.

A clear example of such a case was where the parties might (almost inevitably in a normal marriage) but where the last of the conduct on one way or the other would make it inequitable to ignore the comparative conduct of the parties.

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HIS LORDSHIP

High hopes for Head Of Victory to open account

By Mandarin

Dick Hern, in excellent form, has won the two-day meeting at Newbury, again being among the winners at the first of the two days when the HEAD OF VICTORY is expected to defy top weight in the Binfeld Handicap.

After shaping well in his only two runs last season at Newbury and Newmarket, Head Of Victory was disappointed on his reappearance on August 10, but has since run two sound races on faster ground.

Having her first outing for 11 weeks at Newbury in June, the Mr Prospector filly ran on in good style to chase home Fidele with the VERA HILL Stakes winner, Lashback, back in fourth.

She then contested a fair maiden race at Leicester a fortnight ago and was far from disgraced in finishing a two-length third to Trumpship. Just behind in fourth at the Midlands was How Very Touching, who had previously finished a close second in the Morland Brewery Handicap at Newbury and went on to gain a fluent success at Catterick last Wednesday.

With 9st 9lb to carry, Head Of Victory has certainly not been let in lightly but her rivals look distinctly moderate and she may have more to offer than the 25-1 outsider at last Monday's Windsor meeting.

Hern introduces the Ballad Rock colt, Savin, in the opening Newmarket Graduation Stakes but this 23,000 guinea purchase may find the Newmarket fourth string on this occasion.

My other principal fancy at Windsor is JERONIMO in the Robert Wilton Nursery Handicap. Robert Armstrong's filly finished fourth to Fox Green at

Goodwood recently after a 10-week lay-off and the value of that form has been underlined since the winner and third, Wink A Challenger, were both sent to the slaughter.

For the day's best bet, though, I take GILBERTO to continue John Dunlop's revival by giving weight all round in the Captaincy Stakes at Leicester's evening fixture.

Gilberto has the measure of Whippet, his principal rival here, on their running together at York in June when the pair finished third and fourth, respectively, behind Dowling in the William Hill Golden Spurs Trophy.

My nap, a leading ante-post fancy for the Stewards' Cup at one stage, has disappointed on his latest two starts, but was out of his depth behind Interval at Newbury and was then taken off his feet early on behind Kyverdale at Lingfield last time.

Gilberto will be much better suited by Leicester's stiffer six furlongs and should take Whippet's measure in the closing stages.

The Princess Royal, still seeking her first winner under National Hunt rules, rides Cuckoo in the Edward Elgar Handicap Chase at Worcester where she has only two rivals.

WINDSOR

Selections

By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
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3.00 Baltana.	3.00
3.30 Jeronimo.	3.30 Jeronimo.
4.00 Honour's Satisfied.	4.00 Cammarino.
4.30 Saffir.	4.30 Ghabdhan.
5.00 Head Of Victory.	5.00 Street Talk.

By Michael Seely

4.00 Cammarino, 4.30 Saffir (nap).

Going: good to firm

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By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
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5.45 Checkpoint.	5.45 Checkpoint.
6.10 Fair Park.	6.10 Fair Park.
6.35 Sir Percy.	6.35 Albion.
7.05 GILBERTO (nap).	7.05 Whippet.
7.35 Ruff Trenching.	7.35 Ruff Trenching.
8.05 Bold Vintage.	8.05 AKIA (nap).
8.35 Ayabi Mon.	8.35 Ayabi Mon.

Michael Seely's selection: 8.05 Foot Prince.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 5.45 DICK KNIGHT.

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Guide to our in-line racecard

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BOXING

Duff starts hype for bout with Breland

By Bryan Stiles

The first verbal salvoes have been fired in the campaign to match Lloyd Honeyghan, Britain's flashiest world champion, against Mark Breland, America's golden boxing hero from the last Olympic Games.

Honeyghan yesterday stopped off briefly at Heathrow to give his approval to the plan to route from his training camp in the United States to Barcelona, Spain, where he is putting his International Boxing Federation and World Boxing Council welterweight crowns at stake on Saturday week against Gene Hatcher.

The big money talk came from Honeyghan's manager, Mickey Duff, who is applying to have the contest staged in what he sees as the neutral territory of the Costa del Sol and not the United States where the fight atmosphere would be heavily in favour of his boxer. "It would be like the Olympics all over again, with the crowd shouting 'USA, USA, USA,'" he said.

"A fight against Breland would be like wine, the longer you leave it, the better it gets," Duff added.

Breland picked up the World Boxing Association title Honeyghan relinquished when he refused to fight against the South African, Harold Venter.

If Duff's strategies work out, Honeyghan by this time next year could have set a record for the most times a British world champion has defended his title. He has had three successful defences so far, and is aiming to surpass the five times Jim Watt defended his world lightweight crown.

The Jamaican-born Londoner has just spent eight weeks isolated in his favourite training centre in New York State's Catskill Mountains. It is the longest he has spent in a build-up for a contest.

He has, however, run out of sparring partners. The two that Duff had lined up for the time being in Spain have dropped out, but he is aiming to have a bout for Wednesday and the other because he has not got a passport.

Duff is sure he will be able to find replacements at short notice. He will be controlling things from a hotel in a London suburb, where he is to have an operation to repair a snapped Achilles tendon today.

Honeyghan left for Spain declaring that he would not let the full 12 rounds and that he would knock out the American. "I am not underestimating him, he is a strong fighter," Honeyghan said. "I have seen three videos of Hatcher, and he did not step backwards once."

McAuley title bout unlikely

Dave McAuley's bright hopes of a second world title bout this year in the King's Hall, Belfast, all but disappeared when he was knocked out by Panama City at the weekend (George Ace writes).

Hilario Zapata, the former World Boxing Association champion from Panama, would have been a possible opponent for the British flyweight champion had he been able to win the crown he lost in February to Fidel Bassa, of Colombia.

But Bassa retained his title with a points win over 15 rounds on Saturday night and he is unlikely to defend again against McAuley, who was knocked out in the thirteenth round last April.

RUGBY UNION

Debut tries by Whittle set up Ulster victory

Mashonaland... 39
Ulster... 19

Ulster brushed aside the challenge of Mashonaland with contemptuous ease at the Police Grounds, Harare, on Saturday, winning by four goals, three tries and a dropped goal to three penalties from the Zimbabweans.

The Ulster party, without the services of their World Cup players, only arrived in Harare at 7 a.m. on Friday after being delayed for two hours by engine trouble. Showing no signs of their jarring overnight journey from London, they were four points up after only two minutes when wing forward Whittle crashed over for a try to celebrate his first Ulster cap.

By the interval Ulster - leading 22-3 against what is regarded as the strongest provincial side in Zimbabwe - had stamped their authority on the match. Whittle scored a second try

CYCLING: CONTROVERSIAL LAP DOES NOT SLOW WINNER OF KELLOGG'S TOUR OF BRITAIN

Extra effort suits McLoughlin

By Peter Bryan

Joey McLoughlin raced to his second national tour victory by winning the Kellogg's Tour of Britain, which ended amid protest in central London yesterday. McLoughlin, who won the 1986 Milk Race, was never in jeopardy of losing his race leader's jersey on the final 60 miles of circuit racing at Westminster, and he finished as he had started, five seconds ahead of Steven Rooks, of The Netherlands.

The final stage was marred - for the riders, at least - when officials appeared to have given them an extra lap. The race covered 60 laps, and the three leaders sprinted across the line, only to hear the last-lap bell ring. Seconds behind came the bunch and they, too, were travelling fast, believing the finishing line was yards ahead.

The 1987 Milk Race winner, Malcolm Elliott, was well to the front in that group, pacing his team colleague, McLoughlin. Officials made

Tour results

FIFTH STAGE (60 miles, at Westminster): 1. M. McLoughlin (GB), 2. S. Rooks (Neth), 3. P. C. C. (GB), 4. K. P. (GB), 5. S. (GB), 6. V. (GB), 7. D. (GB), 8. B. (GB), 9. S. (GB), 10. S. (GB).

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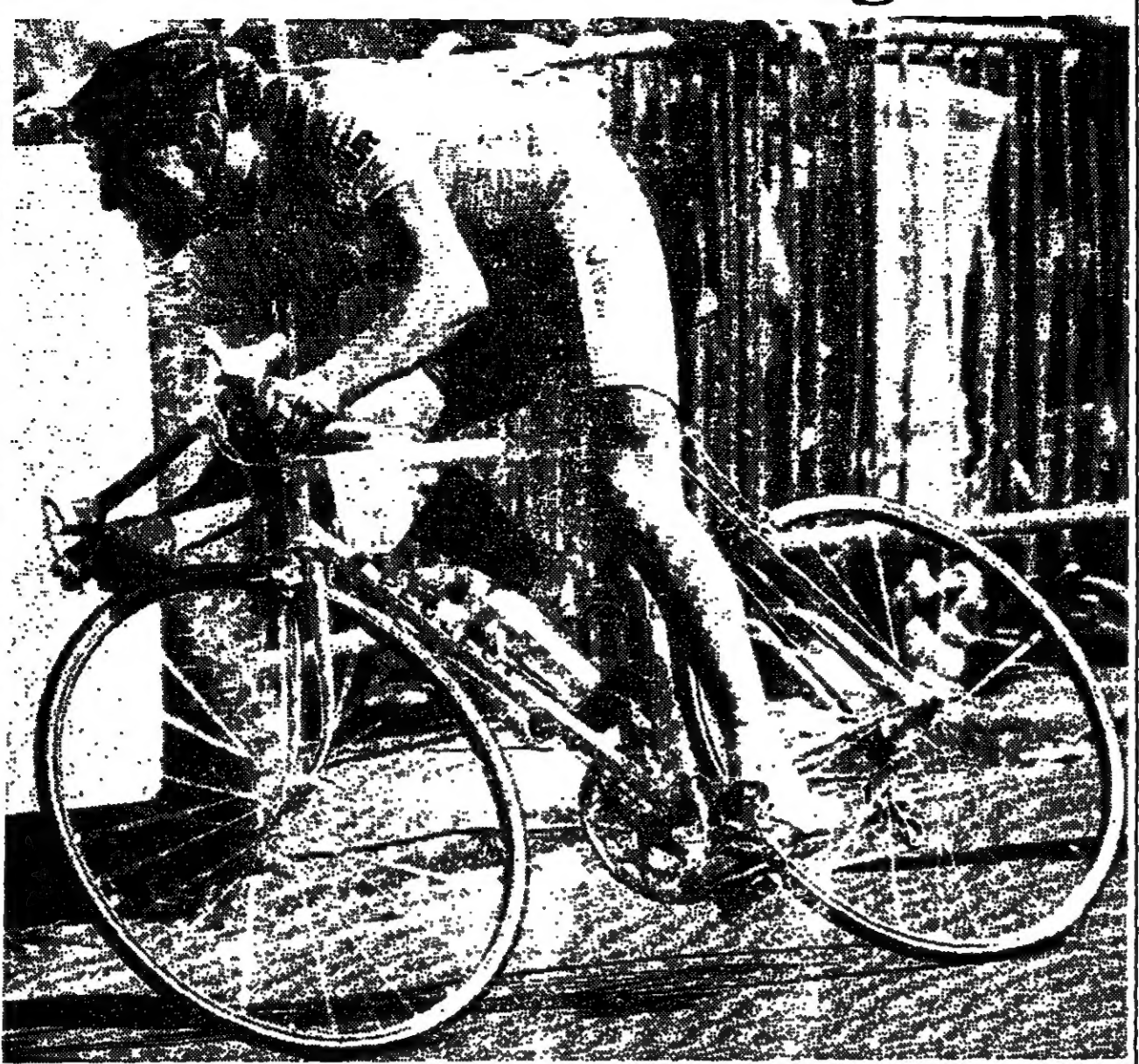
frantic signals for them, too, to complete another lap, to which the riders responded by waving their fists.

At the finish, Elliott said that the riders knew better than the officials how many laps had been ridden and he was convinced that they had covered one extra.

Jens Veggerby, of Denmark, had "won" the "wrong" sprint, lost heart when he discovered that another lap remained and finished fifth.

In the disorder of the last lap, a four-man group formed and the stage was taken by Michel Vermote, of Belgium, with an inches victory from Jon Walshaw, of Sheffield, Philippe Casado, of France, and the exiled Czechoslovak, Kvetoslav Palov.

McLoughlin was safely in the main chasing pack, where he had been practically throughout the race. He had



Free-wheeling: Joey McLoughlin leans into a curve on the way to Tour victory yesterday (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

been playing "one and my shadow" with Rooks, knowing that if he kept close to the Dutchman he was in no danger - barring a fall or mechanical trouble - of losing the overall lead. He coasted in the twelfth, 39 seconds behind the winner and 13 places ahead of Rooks.

"I took no chances today and just concentrated on keeping alongside Rooks while my team-mates did all the work at the front on my behalf," McLoughlin said. He added that victory tasted sweet: he had had to withdraw from the Tour de France because of tendinitis in his right leg. He

resumed racing only a fortnight ago and was uncertain about his fitness when he started the Kellogg's Tour in Edinburgh last Wednesday. However, victory in the 170-mile Newcastle-to-Manchester stage emboldened him.

McLoughlin won £2,200 for his overall victory and earned an award as the best rider under 23 years of age. Now the Continent beckons. He has had approaches from top foreign teams because of his climbing and sprinting prowess, but he will not decide until after the world championship next month in Austria.

Capper bows out

Tony Capper, who masterminded Britain's entry in this year's Tour de France, has severed direct connection with the three teams he represented through his promotion company, Action Sport (Peter Bryan writes). Speaking yesterday from the Isle of Man, he said: "It has proved impossible for me to manage and represent the teams properly at arm's length."

When he sold his transport distribution business, AS, to British and Commonwealth, a public company, he left England and set up home in the Isle of Man last spring.

"It appears that I am not allowed in the UK until November, and that makes it especially difficult to motivate riders and the support crew," he added. "Motivation, and I believe I have a special talent for that, cannot be done on a telephone. It was becoming more and more difficult for me."

Capper relinquished his connection with Action Sport, handing over control to Malcolm Roche, the Manchester managing director of Inter-Vega, car-leasing company and the sponsor of a team in the Tour of Britain.

SWIMMING

Moorhouse has tough opposition in heats

From Roy Moor, Strasbourg

Adrian Moorhouse will not be lacking opposition to press him to a fast time when he begins the defence of his 100 metres breaststroke title at the European Championships here tomorrow.

On either side of the British champion in the preliminary heats will be Vladimir Vukobratovic and Sergei Sokolovskii, the Soviet pair, both in the top five of the rankings; and Peter Szabo, of Hungary, the world champion at 200 metres breaststroke.

But Moorhouse, superbly fit after having thrived on his final week's preparation at the Molveno training camp, looks well equipped to cope with the challenge. Nick Gillingham, the much-improved Birmingham racer, has half beat and Bert Goebel, the top West German,

to contend with in his heat of the event.

First of the British swimmers to go into action tomorrow will be Ruth Gillman, the Scottish record holder, in the women's 100 metres freestyle. She will need to improve considerably on her season's best of 58.37 seconds to get through to the last eight in the evening, as will Karen Pickering, the Brighton schoolgirl who is drawn in her heat to race Kristin Otto, the world champion.

Also in action tomorrow will be Catherine Stanely and Zana Long in the women's 400 metres medley. Kevin Boyd and Jonathan Broughton in the 200 metres freestyle; and the women's 4 x 200 metres freestyle relay team.

HOCKEY

England lose twice to the Germans

By Sydney Friskin

England spent a last weekend in Stuttgart, where they were beaten twice by West Germany in preparation for the European Championships, which start in Moscow on Thursday.

Despite being reinforced by Barber and Ian Taylor, England lost 3-0 to the Germans on Saturday. After a blank first half, only the splendid goalkeeping of Taylor prevented further goals than those from Thomas Brinkmann and two from Blocher.

On Friday night, with Steve Taylor keeping goal, the Germans won 4-1. The goals came from Blocher, Fischer, Brinkmann and Schmidt-Opper, the only consolation for England being a goal by Kerly.

GOLF

Shapcott leads strong English contingent

By Patricia Davies

Scotland golfers have won the Struan Cup only four times since 1966, but today, at Barnham Broom in Norfolk, they will attempt to stop a third consecutive English win in the 1987 Struan Cup.

Not unnaturally Jane Rhodes, the England captain for the second successive year, feels that her team will take a lot of beating, and certainly none of the other countries can boast a joint champion of the calibre of Susan Shapcott.

Already senior international, Miss Shapcott, from Knowle, will be making her debut for Britain and Ireland in the Vagliano Trophy match against Europe in September. She will also be representing

Britain in the Commonwealth tournament in New Zealand, and England will be expecting three points from her three matches.

Scotland open the proceedings against Ireland this morning, while England play Wales. Then it is Ireland against Scotland and Wales against Ireland in the afternoon; with the final meetings tomorrow.

Each match consists of seven singles.

Miss Shapcott, aged 17, will be ably supported by the likes of Alison Johns, a long-hitting player from Lincolnshire who was runner-up in the English women's strokeplay championship last week, and Helen Dobson and Lora Fairclough.

MOTOR CYCLING

Fatal accident that should have been avoided

By George Ace

A fatal accident after only one lap of the Formula One grand prix, the start of which was delayed by one hour owing to deteriorating weather conditions at the Donington circuit in Leicestershire on Saturday, and the almost unanimous after-race condemnation of the organizers in permitting the race to get under way, combined to write a black page in the history of road racing over the famous corner.

Klaus Klein, aged 32, a married man from Stuttgart, was competing in only his third grand prix, crashed just after the start of the second lap in conditions that were becoming more difficult by the minute. Klein was killed instantly.

Immediately behind Klein, in sixth place when the accident happened, was Joey Dunlop, the reigning world champion, from Northern Ireland. "I was just behind Klaus when he crashed, and I was just looking for the best," an agitated Dunlop said on his return to the pits. "These were

the worst conditions I have ever been asked to ride in." Bertie Hunt, the clerk of the course, said: "We postponed all races except the 250/350cc, and we stopped the Formula One after one lap, to enable the riders to make the necessary tyre changes because of the conditions. When the roads became awash we immediately called a halt, and only after a series of inspections, abandoned the racing."

But Virginio Ferrari, of Italy, who leads Dunlop by two points in the championship and who decided not to compete after five practice laps throughout, but went on the grounds that the course was too dangerous, will have powerful support this morning from the neutrals for his comment last Friday: "The course is too dangerous; if you make it any more dangerous, where to go?" Prospective words indeed.

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CRICKET: REST OF THE WORLD IN FINE FORM BEFORE BICENTENARY MATCH

ICC holds its yearly whitewash party

By John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent

The International Cricket Conference meets today for what has come to be recognized as the great annual whitewash. Its two-day annual general meeting will be followed tomorrow evening by a Press conference at which, by tradition is observed, decisions on the burning issues of the day will have been "deferred".

The West Indians will do their best to resist England's proposal, seconded by New Zealand, that 15 overs an hour should be bowled in Test matches, thinking more of what suits their own bowlers than of what is best for the game as a whole. It must surely be time for the Conference to take a line on this before 12, or 11, or even 10 overs an hour is considered an acceptable figure.

An attempt to limit bowlers in Test matches to one an over is unlikely to succeed. The argument is that if a bowler, having bowled his one over, is taken a wicket (not necessarily with it), is prevented from bowling another until his next over, it gives the batsman an unfair advantage. There is something in this, obviously. But anything is better than making concessions to the bowler whose main weapon is his fast ball.

On the agenda is a collector's piece from Philip Snow, brother of C. P. himself, an administrator in Fiji and the Western Pacific from 1938 until 1952 and now viceroy of the associate members. Snow still hopes to overturn a decision taken by New Zealand in 1948 not to grant first-class status to five matches played by Fiji on a tour of New Zealand that year, on which, in fact, the Fijians beat both Wellington and Auckland.

The ICC regulations are being rewritten. It is a long process and one that leads itself to glorious procrastination. If it were a motorway extension it would probably be "opening 1989". In Colin Cowdrey's absence, the chair will be taken today by his predecessor, as president of MCC, J. G. W. Davies. But in the quest for continuity, Cowdrey could set a precedent by becoming the first ICC chairman to die more than one year. A three-year term would certainly make more sense.

Some of those who run South African cricket, and have done so in recent years with a fearless disregard for the law of the land, are in England, not expecting an audience with the Conference but hopeful of at least being asked to attend. It is a surprise, a delegation of ICC members to visit South Africa to see the strides made there towards multiracial cricket. I can see no harm in such a delegation going, with as much a mission as to see the strides made there towards multiracial cricket.

Botham and Curtis in the runs

Worcestershire's impressive batting once again proved too much for the Rest of the World in the Refuge Assurance League against Glamorgan at Swansea yesterday (Ian Stafford writes).

Although Hick had a comparatively failed with 21, Curtis made amends with an 86 while Botham scored 57, his half-century being reached on only 36 balls. Even Radford contributed with an unbeaten 41 as the visitors amassed a mammoth 275 for six. As is often the case, Glamorgan fell honourably, scoring a spirited 245 for nine with James and Jones, while his 51 scored off just 37 balls.

There was some high scoring at Hove too, where Sussex beat Warwickshire by seven runs. The home team made 232 for three thanks largely to Packer's 106 and a 59 from Colin Wells.

REFUGE ASSURANCE SUNDAY LEAGUE

	P	W	L	T	AB	Pts
Derby	12	14	7	1	3	38
Herts (5)	14	11	3	3	3	36
Worce (16)	13	8	4	1	1	34
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Surrey (12)	12	5	5	5	4	26
Hampshire (7)	12	5	5	2	4	24
Leicestershire (16)	12	4	4	4	4	24
Warwickshire (5)	12	4	4	2	2	24
Nottinghamshire (2)	13	5	7	7	2	20
Yorkshire (16)	12	4	6	6	2	20
Lincolnshire (5)	12	2	5	9	5	18
Gloucestershire (5)	13	5	9	9	1	14
Essex (2)	12	1	8	9	3	10

Mansell prevails through debris

From John Blunsden, Zeltweg, Austria

The Austrian Grand Prix, which had to be started three times because of multiple-car collisions near the start-line, eventually brought Nigel Mansell a clear-cut victory that has taken him back into contention for the world championship, although his team partner, Nelson Piquet, by finishing second for the sixth time this year, has extended his lead at the top of the table to 11 points over Ayrton Senna. The Camel Lotus driver could finish only fifth yesterday after an extra pit-stop to replace a damaged nosecone.

Mansell, who has reduced his deficit to 15 points, concedes that despite his victory it will be very difficult to close the gap on Piquet. Third and fourth places for their best team result of the season went to the Benetton-Ford, driven by Teo Fabi and Thierry Boutsen, who demonstrated yesterday that their engines have stamina and fuel efficiency on a high-speed circuit.

The first attempt to get this race under way ended disastrously seconds after the green light when the cars of Jonathan Palmer and Martin Brundle both went out of control in separate incidents, setting off a chain reaction as other drivers tried in vain to weave their way past on the narrow track.

Almost 40 minutes later a restart, with several drivers using either repaired or spare cars, was similarly aborted when Mansell slowed in the opening seconds with clutch slip. Once again unsighted drivers drove into one another to block the track. Altogether, 14 cars — more than half the field — were damaged in the two accidents but no one was hurt.

Third time lucky, the field, in the absence of Philippe Streiff, set off to a clean start: no fewer than six of the 25 cars joined the race from the pit road after hasty repairs. Mansell, who elected to stay with his race car and nurse its clutch off the line, let Piquet set the pace as he tucked into

fourth place behind Boutsen and Gerhard Berger's Ferrari. "I decided to play a waiting game for 20 laps and this let me conserve my tyres and take care of my fuel consumption." But by lap 15 Mansell was up into second place and pressing Piquet hard after Boutsen had dropped back with a pit-stop and Berger's Ferrari had been parked off the track. Six laps later Mansell went into the lead through a bold overtaking manoeuvre as the two Williams drivers were lapping slower traffic. "I timed my attack carefully and positioned myself so that I could

Race results

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Alain Prost, whose McLaren faded on the warm-up lap with an electrical problem and was pushed to the pits, completed the first lap in seventeenth place but was third behind the two Williams by lap 31. But his electrics were still giving him problems, he was driving virtually without instruments or computer and towards the end he broke a pipe in his turbo's wastegate. In the circumstances, he did well to finish sixth.

Derek Warwick's promising drive in his Arrows took him into sixth place by lap six but he retired with engine trouble soon after half distance, while Palmer kept his Tyrrell's engine down to 9,000rpm to conserve it after he suspected it had broken a valve spring, and was classified last.

Brundle earned warm applause for bringing his Zak-speed home five places behind his team colleague, Christian Danner. He drove the team's spare car, which had been extensively damaged in the second accident and hastily repaired. "The boys did a fantastic job to get the car to the line," he said. "But the handling was... shall we say, very interesting. It was great around right handers but it simply didn't want to turn left."

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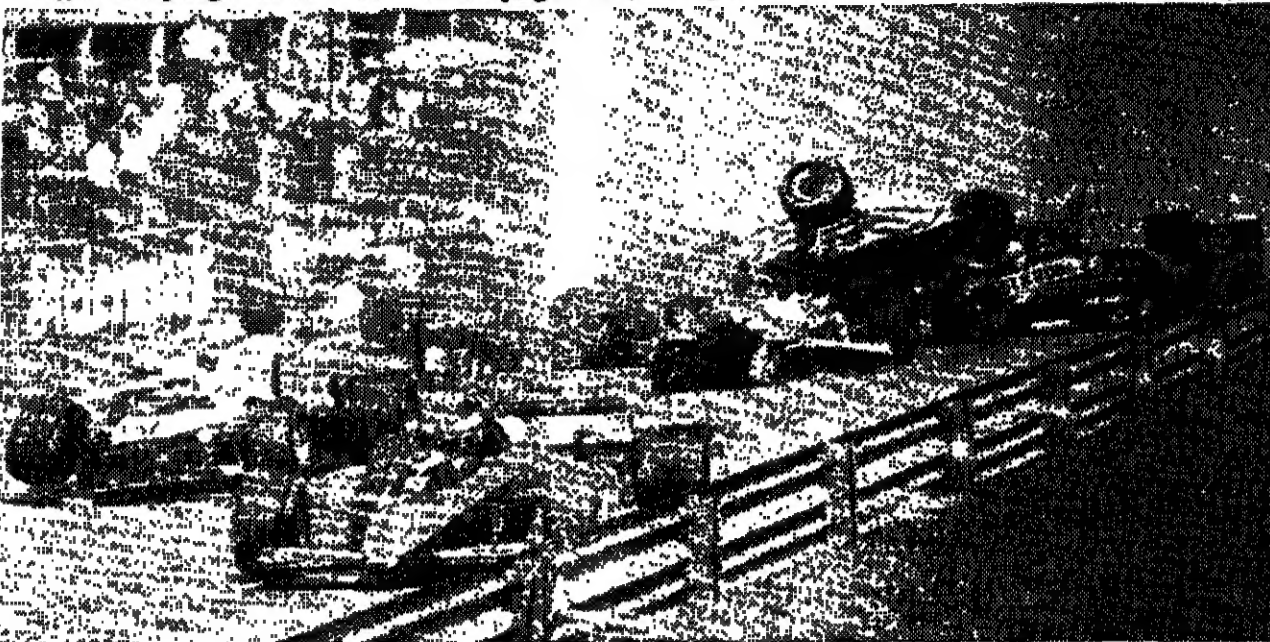
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In Sarfield's view: "I can see nothing to stop swimming going open. Too many people are not happy with the present confusion."

"If professional tennis players are going to be allowed into the Olympic movement then of course swimmers are going to ask why they too cannot have the privilege of making money."

"I cannot foresee top tennis players returning to strict amateurism, so why should not swimmers receive financial rewards if they are worth it. It will be up to FINA to decide, of course."

Leng on cue for a timely victory

By Jenny MacArthur

After a finely judged cross-country round, Virginia Leng, the World and European three-day event champion, held on to her overnight lead on Night Cap to win yesterday's Cross Country Original British Open championship.

She finished with just one second to spare over Robert Lemieux and Richard Walker, who like Mrs Leng is shortlisted for the team in next month's European Championships to be announced today, underlined their claim for a place in the team when finishing third after a faultless performance.

Although this was the fifth time that Mrs Leng has won the British national title (formerly run at Llandovery Castle since 1966), winning was not uppermost in her mind at the start of the cross-country yesterday in which she went last — providing a suitable tense finish for the 30,000-strong crowd.

Mrs Leng's main pre-occupation, like that of the other nine shortlisted riders having their final trials here, was to get her horse round safely. Lemieux, not shortlisted, had no such constraint and put his foot down from the start with the magnificent-looking The Gamesmaster. They jumped the difficult bounce of corners at fence 14, the Courts Complex, and finished with just four time penalties, the fastest round in the competition.

Mrs Leng said she had not looked at her watch once and had no idea she was so close to winning. "I didn't want to hurry Night Cap but he found a nice galloping stride from the start."

Of the other eight shortlisted riders, the most disappointed were Helen Ogden, who was eliminated at the difficult fence three, the Castle Drop, on The Streetfighter, and Rodney Powell, who had a refusal on his Bramham winner, The Irishman. The most delighted was Captain Mark Phillips, competing here on Cartier. His superb clear round was all the more creditable as Phillips had the added worry of organising the event and designing the course. It remains to be seen whether the selectors were as impressed with Cartier's performance as Phillips was.

The final test for the shortlisted horses comes today when they have to trot up sound at the final veterinary inspection before the announcement of the team of six.

Sam Tronson, ridden by John Whitaker, was killed yesterday when he cracked his skull after an accident at fence 19 in advanced section one.

RESULTS: Cross Country Original British Open: 1, Night Cap (V Leng), 52.2; 2, The Gamesmaster (R Lemieux), 52.4; 3, The Irishman (R Powell), 52.6; 4, The Streetfighter (H Ogden), 52.8; 5, The Bramham (M Phillips), 53.0; 6, The Castle Drop (R Powell), 53.2; 7, The Irishman (R Powell), 53.4; 8, The Streetfighter (H Ogden), 53.6; 9, The Bramham (M Phillips), 53.8; 10, The Castle Drop (R Powell), 54.0.

Whitaker strides to victory

From a Correspondent

John Whitaker, riding Next Milton, won the Rotterdam Grand Prix with one of his typical displays of corner-cutting to give the British team a much needed boost prior to the European Championships, which start next week in Switzerland.

In the barrage for which only four with double clear rounds had qualified, Bert Romp, winner of Thursday's major class, led off on Opstalman's Renville. He set a good gallop to storm clear through the finish to thunderous applause. For the second time, Thomas Fruhmarm on Porter finished marginally slower than the Dutchman.

Whitaker, who feels that some recent jump-off courses involve too much galloping and not enough jumping, said later that he felt he could save time by taking one stride less in the final double, which he achieved with ease, to go into the lead by more than a second.

This left triple European champion, Paul Schockemöhle and Deister, to try the same, but it did not come off. Deister felling both elements of the double.

In the dressage ring Patricia Gardner picked up her first World Cup points with Willy Imp, but it was Robert Dover who won with Federleicht.

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Graf ready to take top spot

From Barry Wood

Martina Navratilova stands on the edge of losing her No. 1 world ranking to Steffi Graf, following her 6-2, 6-1 humiliation by Chris Evert in the semi-finals of the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles. The West German has to beat Miss Evert in the final — something she has done with ease three times this year — to squeeze into the top spot.

Against Miss Evert, Miss Navratilova looked out of touch and beaten long before the end. By contrast, Miss Evert was crisp and sharp, and played with such conviction that Miss Graf knows that a victory in the final will be no formality.

Miss Evert was prepared to offer an excuse to her long-time rival and friend, knowing that she lacked match fitness. "I've certainly seen her play better tennis, but she's been injured and hasn't played since Wimbledon and is a bit rusty. I have to say that I didn't beat Martina at the top of her game."

But Miss Navratilova believed the problem lay in another direction. "I was moving well in practice, I just wasn't sharp mentally and that affected my co-ordination," she said.

Miss Graf beat Sabatini 7-5, 7-5, her tenth win in a row over the Argentinian.

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McGuigan is hit by a Sunday punch

Barry McGuigan, the former world featherweight boxing champion, made a disappointing start to his motor racing career yesterday when he rolled his MG Metro Turbo during the qualification session for the seventh round of the Esso Challenge at Silverstone.

McGuigan lost control at 120mph going into the fast Slow corner and rolled the car in a gravel bed. He walked away unhurt from the car, although he was examined by the track doctor.

McGuigan said: "I turned in a bit too quick. When the car touched the gravel bed it rolled over."

"I feel fine. I rolled with the punch and didn't feel a thing," he added. There proved to be only superficial damage to McGuigan's car and he was able to start from the ninth row of the grid. But there was more disappointment for the Irishman when, having risen to fourteenth place, a broken drive shaft forced him to retire on the eighth of the 10-lap race.

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Johnson moves inexorably closer to Smith's record

From Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent, Cologne

Ben Johnson, of Canada, yesterday confirmed his position as favourite for the gold medal in Rome at the end of the month by returning the equal fastest time ever for 100 metres at sea level, matching the 9.95 seconds he clocked in Moscow last year.

Johnson, whose day was marred only by his collision with a photographer, moves on now to Zurich, for the Weltklasse meeting on Wednesday, where one of his opponents should be Carl Lewis. The absolute world record — 9.93sec by Calvin Smith — must surely come

under serious threat. For, although he admitted he got "a perfect start", conditions were still yesterday, and Johnson reckoned he could have run 9.86sec with a 1.5 metre following wind. A further measure of Johnson's superiority is that Chidi Imo, who ran 9.92sec at altitude with an illegal wind last week, finished third in 10.29sec, behind Smith's 10.09.

The rest of the meeting proclaimed the proximity of the world championships. What had seemed a relatively modest event on paper produced some of the best performances of the year. And from the British point of view, that meant Mick Hill, who had another win in the javelin.

The only pity was the injury to Klaus Tafelmeier's back, which caused him to withdraw after two rounds. By which time Hill had thrown 81.26 metres, which was excellent in the still conditions, and eventually won from one of the best fields of the season.

The latest meeting on the Mobil Grand Prix circuit also produced the second best performances in the world this year for Harald Schmid and Debbie Flintoff in their respective 400 metres hurdles — 47.60sec and 53.95sec. And Abdi Bile of Somalia won the 1,500 metres in 3min 31.72sec, a time which only Said Aouita has beaten this season. The Moroccan withdrew earlier in the week with a slight strain in his left calf, but he hopes to be in Zurich too.

Merlene Ottey-Page again marked herself out as another potential world sprint champion. She won the 100 metres in 10.93sec, from Florence Griffith and Angela Issajenko. And Innocent Egbunike confirmed his threat to Butch Reynolds, when he does not step off a nine hour flight on to the track, as he did at Crystal Palace last Friday. Egbunike won the 400 metres, casing up, in 44.47sec.

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IAC calls for additions

By a Special Correspondent

Britain's international athletes are holding a press conference in London today to put their case as to why more athletes should be added to the British team to compete in the forthcoming world championships.

The International Athletics Club are angry that the selectors have failed to choose athletes for 11 events, and are demanding at least 10 additions to the team announced by the selectors a fortnight ago. All 14 British selectors have been invited to today's press conference in London, where about a dozen, at least, who feel they should be in the Rome squad, will also be present.

Mike Winch, one of the two athletes' representatives who sit on the British Amateur Athletic Board, says there has been nationwide support for their campaign.

One piece of good news for the grass roots of the sport is that Guardian Royal Exchange Assurance is to continue its backing of the British Athletics League, doubling its level of sponsorship. It means that, over the next three years, GRE, Britain's second largest insurance company, will give almost £350,000 to the league.

Sidney Hopkins, GRE's general manager, gave the news at the GRE Cup Finals, staged in brilliant sunshine in Birmingham yesterday.

SPORT IN BRIEF

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